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*People of the Fire*

## CPN water plan an example for Oklahoma tribes

A delegation from the Osage Nation recently visited Citizen Potawatomi Nation headquarters in Shawnee to discuss their preparations for

a water resource plan. CPN's experience in developing its own water plan is seen by many tribes as a forerunner to their own preparations,

especially in light of the recent drought in Oklahoma.

Through a grant from Administration for Native American's, along with in-kind services from the United States Geological Services and tribal funds, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is currently conducting a three year comprehensive water study. The study began in September 2011 and once complete in 2014, the tribe will create an all-inclusive water plan to sustainably manage growth and water resources within its jurisdiction. The research is headed up by USGS Senior geologist, Dr. Chris Harich.

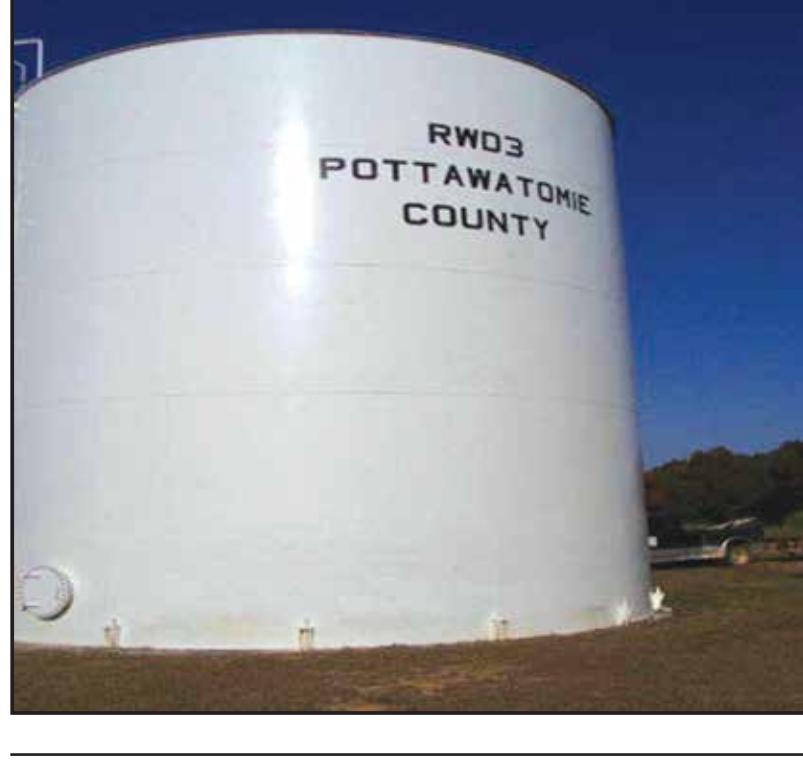
Richard Kunze, Director of CPN's Public Works and Utilities, gave the Osage Nation guests an overview of how CPN was able to acquire a rural water district.

"We serve around 800 customers in southern Pottawatomie County through about 275 miles of line," noted Kunze. "That's in addition to the water we sell back to Oklahoma City through the OKC-Atoka water line that runs through our land."

Rural Water District 3, which serves 60 percent of the Pottawatomie County's geographic area, is the only tribal-owned enterprise that is a public utility. The district was in dire economic straits when the tribe took over in October 2007. Since then, the district's water treatment plant has ramped up production by twice the original output and many of the defaulted loans used to keep it operational at the time of purchase have since been paid off.

CPN's previous experience

working with the state's most valuable resource has it ahead of the curve when many entities are just beginning to grapple with issue of water rights.



## Four decades of CPN history all in a day's work for Mary Powell

Just a few decades ago the Citizen Potawatomi Nation had less than \$1,000 in the bank and conducted much of its business out of a single wide trailer. General tribal meetings were held under the supervision of Bureau of Indian Affairs agents, typically in places like St. Benedict's Church in Shawnee for lack of a larger place. Many services, like Tribal Rolls, were done out of employees own homes.

That image is a sharp contrast to the growth and prosperity that CPN knows today. With an increasingly diversified business portfolio and construction of the Grand Hotel, FireLake Family Resort, Bowling Center and the CPN Eagle Aviary in the last five to 10 years, it is hard to imagine a time when such circumstances were the norm.

But for the tribe's elders, that scenario was reality. Mary Powell, the current receptionist at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center and longtime tribal employee, is one of the few who have been witness to the

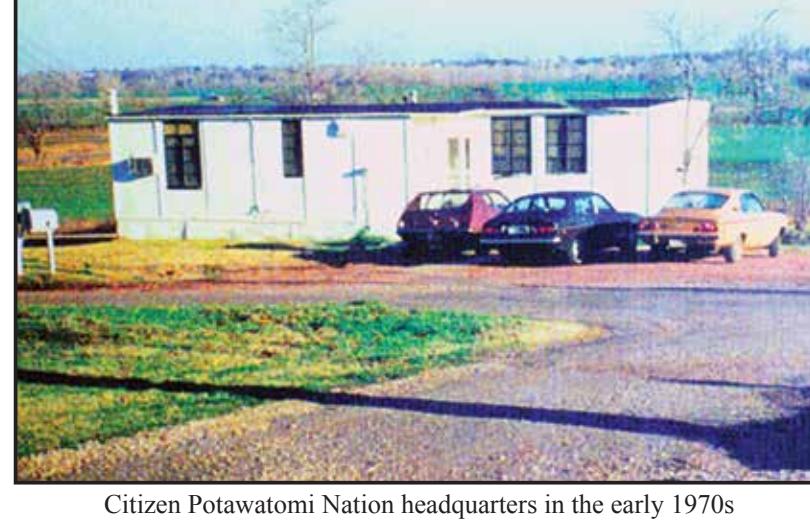
seed corn'."

A member of the Melott and Bergeron families, Powell first began working for the tribe in June 1969. Powell was at a tribal business council meeting with her father Frank Melott, campaigning for his election to the council, when someone suggested she run for the body's other open seat.

"We were at St. Benedict's gymnasium with the Bureau of Indian affairs there in the middle of everything like they did at the time," recalled Powell. "They said we had a quorum, so we got to elect our tribal officers. All of this took place under their supervision, which is a lot different than it is today."

Before she knew it, both she and her father were business council members.

Less than a year later, Powell moved from the business council to become the CPN community health representative when the position was created by Indian



Citizen Potawatomi Nation headquarters in the early 1970s

Americans in ways to identify and address issues affecting their tribal citizens and lands. From the proper methods for drilling water wells to how to get funding for the installation of septic systems, the program taught the community health representatives the ins-and-outs of navigating the federal funding system.

"It was good to learn," noted Powell. "They showed us how things should be and how things could be. They showed

aware of the services they were eligible for, Powell was the forerunner of the current Community Health Representative Program. As her visits to tribal members increased, she began picking up prescriptions or driving CPN members to the health clinic.

Unintentionally, Powell had also created the CPN's first transportation program.

"It was never intended to be a



Mary Powell today and during her time as the CPN Community Health Representative

growth and success of Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Asked if she missed anything compared to when she first began working for the Nation, Powell's answer is a testament to how far the tribe has come in such a short time.

"No I don't miss it really," she said. "Because when you didn't have anything, compared to now, it makes me feel privileged to see where we're at. A lot of that is because we've been smart about investing. It's like the Chairman (John Barrett) always says. 'You can't eat the

Health Services. The program was a first for many Native American tribes, and was one of many small steps in letting members address their own affairs. The representatives were required to travel to Arizona for a six week training course along with other Native American representatives from across the country.

"It was the farthest I'd ever been away from home. I had never even been on an airplane before. So to leave my husband and family, it was a big step," said Powell.

The program trained Native

you the right channels to go through to get things done."

Returning to Oklahoma, she began working out of her home. Powell used tribal rolls information to determine where Potawatomis in the surrounding areas lived, and began informing them of the services available to them through federal programs.

"What I was really doing was bridging the gap between the Indian and non-Indian community," she said of her work.

In her role in making members

transportation program, but it ended up being a huge one. At that time, people didn't have a way to the clinic or to the hospital, so you'd have to take them," she recalled. "They (Indian Health Services) paid our salary and our mileage but not our insurance. And look at it now; they have a fleet of vehicles!"

Powell spent a total of eight years as the CPN community health representative before moving out of state in 1978. In 1999 she returned, this time to work at the convenient store at the intersection of Hardesty and Gordon Cooper.



A stint working there led her supervisor at the time to move her to the newly built FireLake Grocery store where she worked as a greeter.

Her affable demeanor during her time there led Cultural Heritage Center's Cindy Merriman to offer her a position as receptionist. Powell's long history of working for the tribe comes in handy in a building that houses the offices of Tribal Rolls and a museum dedicated to chronicling Potawatomi history. The center itself is a testament how far the tribe has come from the days when the Office of Tribal Rolls was run out of a person's home.

Shy about her work, Powell gushed about her latest role for the tribe, saying "I'm a people person, so this job is great for me. I just want everyone who walks through our doors to feel welcome, to feel like they are at home. I like speaking to them because I have gotten to see everything that has taken place, from the water tower going up to the (FireLake) arena. When I see that stuff, I just say to myself, 'Wow! This is really great, because we used to have nothing.'"

Powell and other elders who have worked for the tribe for the last forty years are living historical resources who give perspective to those who have come after. Their work in creating what Citizen Potawatomi Nation is today is astounding when compared to the days when the tribe's governing issues were hashed out in a single wide trailer that sat just off Gordon Cooper Drive.

# Language and Culture

## New Seven Fires exhibit opens at Cultural Heritage Center

The Cultural Heritage Center staff has finished the renovation of the "Seven Fires" exhibit. The new exhibit is updated and allows for 360 degree accessibility and additional details. The "Seven Fires" exhibit portrays the Seven Fires Prophecy and is part of the Citizen Potawatomi oral culture.

"Previously the 'Seven Fires' exhibit was in the corner and not accessible; we've moved it to allow people 360 degree access and to better represent an important part of our oral history," said Kelli Mosteller, Director of the Cultural Heritage Center.

The prophecy describes a turbulent time in Potawatomi history when the tribe was visited by seven prophets, and its telling has helped the Potawatomi people understand who they were in the past, are in the present and will be in the future.

The staff redesigned the vignette to depict representatives from each Neshnabek nation (Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi) and illustrates the councils held amongst the nation to discuss the Fires and their inherent meanings.

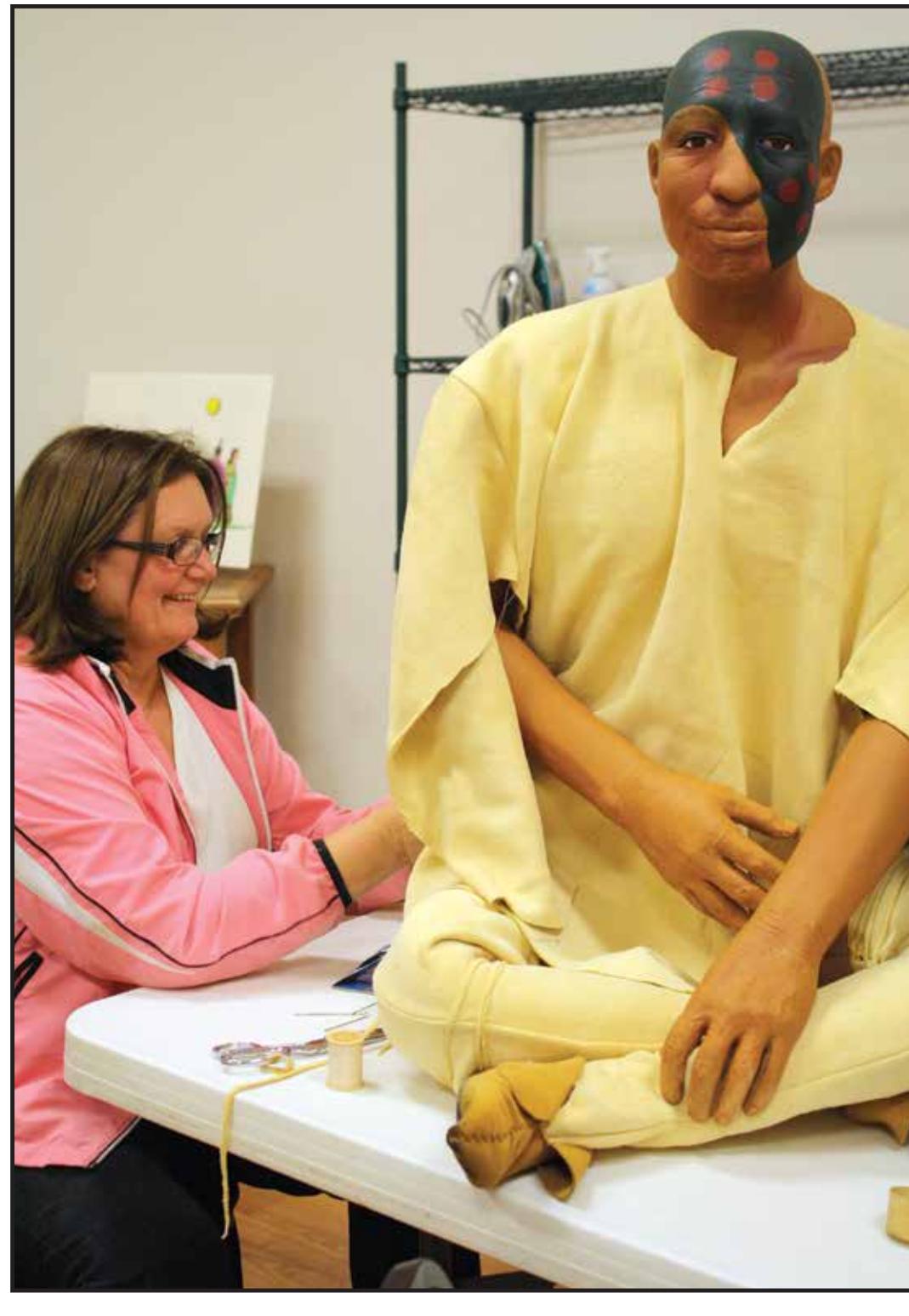
"We decided to change the exhibit, because of the importance of the story and that it is a fixture in Potawatomi/Neshnabek culture and history," said Blake Norton, archivist, Cultural Heritage

Center. "It needed to be exhibited in full detail, so as to convey its significance to our tribal members and patrons. The old exhibit simply fell short of that."

The story states that the people were visited by seven prophets, each with a respective fire. The new clothing seen in the revised exhibit serves as time and historical marker, illustrating how the people were changing as the prophecies were delivered over the course of several years. The vignette will be supplemented by text, interactive displays and associated artifacts, holistically explaining the oral story and history in detail.

The exhibit was created by Cultural Heritage Center staff and tribal members. Penny Coates hand painted the faces of the mannequins, Gayla Mosteller created the clothing, and Blake Norton created the hair, wrapping and jewelry.

"I really enjoyed the challenge of working on these mannequins," said Gayla Mosteller. "They do not bend and move like the ones I previously worked on for the removal exhibit. While it was more difficult having to hand sew the clothing onto the mannequins, it was even more rewarding to see how great they looked in the end. They really came to life."



Gayla Mosteller created the clothes for the new mannequins.

## Cultural Heritage Center completes exhibit at Rossville

A new exhibit in the Rossville Community Center conference room depicts the Potawatomi history from the pre-contact era to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation today.

"Kansas has the largest Citizen Potawatomi population after Oklahoma," said Director Kelli Mosteller of the Cultural Heritage Center. "The Rossville Community Center is the closest source for information for many of our tribal members who still live in the Topeka and larger Kansas area."

The Rossville exhibit is open to anyone who visits the Rossville office. The exhibit is located just off the main entrance that also contains a small library as well as information about CPN services and departments. Tribal members can pick up almost any form they need to sign up for or access services the Nation provides.

The Rossville office is located at 806 Nishnabe Trail Rossville, Kansas 66533 and can be reached by phone at 785-584-6401.



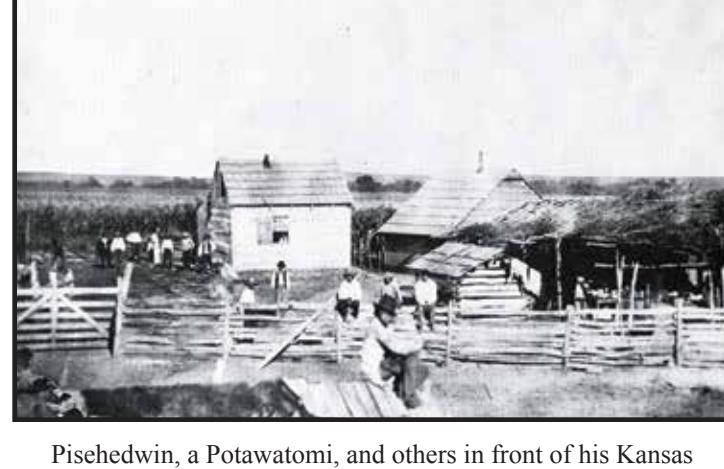
Pottawatomie Indian Mission, St. Marys, Kansas ca. 1865-1869



St. Mary's Mission, Kansas, Pottawattamie Indian School-boys, 90 miles west of Missouri River



This image depicts early lifeway's of the Potawatomi. This, along with other items, is on display at the Rossville office.



Pischedwin, a Potawatomi, and others in front of his Kansas farm home, ca. 1877 courtesy National Archives BIA



This image shows early contact between Potawatomi and Europeans.

## Cultural Heritage Center presents inaugural Citizen Potawatomi Nation Art Show and Sale

The inaugural Citizen Potawatomi Nation Art Show and Sale is set for April 5-6, 2012 and will feature art from Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members from around the world. The show runs from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center.

"This is an opportunity to showcase the tremendous talent that we have within our

tribe," said Kelli Mosteller, director, Cultural Heritage Center. "Native American art generates a broad appeal and for many of our artists this will be the only opportunity they have to show and sell their artwork."

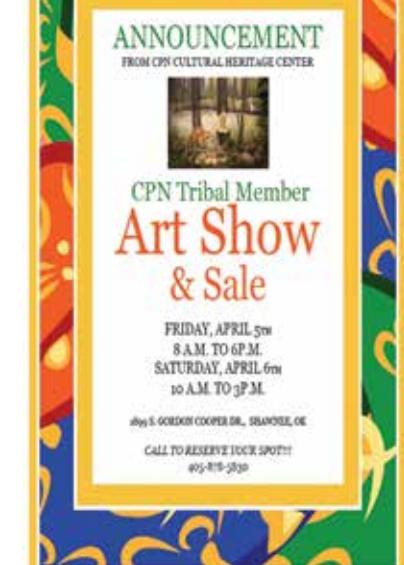
Art forms displayed and sold will include beadwork, pottery, painting, basketry, sculptures and textiles. Admission is free and the art show is open to the public.

"This is an opportunity for people to come and see

Potawatomi art and to learn about our culture," added Mosteller. "Many of these artists have learned a craft that has been passed down several generations and represents our culture and heritage."

Artists interested in showing or selling art should call (405)-878-5830 for more information and to reserve a spot. The Cultural Heritage Center is only the display venue, all sales and money transactions are wholly the responsibility of the artist.

The Cultural Heritage Center of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation maintains, protects, and nurtures the culture, spiritual beliefs and historic values of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation through the celebration of unique traditions, language, and sovereignty. For more information about the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center visit <http://www.potawatomihistory.org/>



## Language with Justin

Well it's April. In Potawatomi we say Zisbaktoge gises (Maple syrup month). This is the time of year we traditionally tapped trees and boiled the sap down to make maple syrup or maple sugar candies. This month is also sometimes called Pkon gises (bark peeling month) because we would peel trees to make everything from wigwams to canoes. So this was definitely a time of year where we would be quite busy. At our Language Department website, we have a video showing the entire maple syrup making process described in Potawatomi.

During this time of year the willows turn red, and during this stage we traditionally pick willow saplings measuring

around 10 feet tall to make the frames for wigwams or sweat lodges. We also use the inner bark of the willow tree in our mix of pipe tobacco, bear berry leaf and beer root.

To harvest the willows after you cut some down, peel the outer bark off with a knife. The inner bark, once exposed, is so soft that it should come off with a butter knife. But remember that whenever you take something from nature, you should put some tobacco down and thank the plant for giving its life so that you can have life yourself. Or simply thank the Creator for giving us these plants.

By the time you read this we will hopefully be bringing

home our trophy from the Oklahoma Native Language Fair. Randy Schlachtun has been working hard with the kids to prepare them for this event on April 1-2 at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla. One group of kids is submitting a book with pictures and Potawatomi words, while one is doing a live demonstration in our native language. Another is submitting a self-created film chronicling the traditional Potawatomi tale, "Turtle goes to war". The kids and Mr. Schlachtun have worked very hard, so we are rooting for them. I will be there in attendance as I have been asked this year to serve as a judge.

Our language classes are continuing. For beginners, we have an onsite class at the Cultural Heritage Center on Mondays from 5 p.m.-6 p.m. CST. I also have a conversational Potawatomi class on Thursdays from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Cultural Heritage Center. Sam Navarre is also teaching several online beginner language courses, one on Tuesdays from noon-1:00 p.m., and another from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. along with a new class on Wednesday evenings from 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. It is our hope that we can make classes available to anyone throughout the regions by having such a wide range of options. If these times don't work for you, please let us

know and we will see if we can arrange other times.

We are also working with [www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com) to create an online language course. I encourage you all to please check that out to see our progress. Our latest dictionary effort has us at about 5,500 words and we hope to have online and available within the next month. The current dictionary has about 2,500 words and is available to download.

Please make sure to check out the various resources such as 'Word of the Week' which can always be found online at [www.Potawatomi.org/lang](http://www.Potawatomi.org/lang) or at [www.Potawatomihertiage.org](http://www.Potawatomihertiage.org).

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By Charles Clark, Director  
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### Learning to Speak Up

"Reasonable people adapt themselves to the world. Unreasonable people attempt to adapt the world to themselves. All progress, therefore, depends on unreasonable people."

--George Bernard Shaw

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Welcome to this month's article of the Potawatomi Cornerstone. In this issue I would like to introduce Holly Wesselhoff. I found the quote written above on Holly's website; [www.hollywesselhoff.com](http://www.hollywesselhoff.com). As you read this article you will see the meaning behind the quote. I first met Holly back in 2007 when she was a participant in the first year of the Potawatomi Leadership Program. Even though she was fresh out of high school, we all knew that Holly was something special.

A member of the Burnett family, Holly comes from a line of leaders that includes, Chief Shau-Uque-Be, his son Chief Abram Burnett, and Holly's father, Paul Wesselhoff, who is a current member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and CPN Legislator.

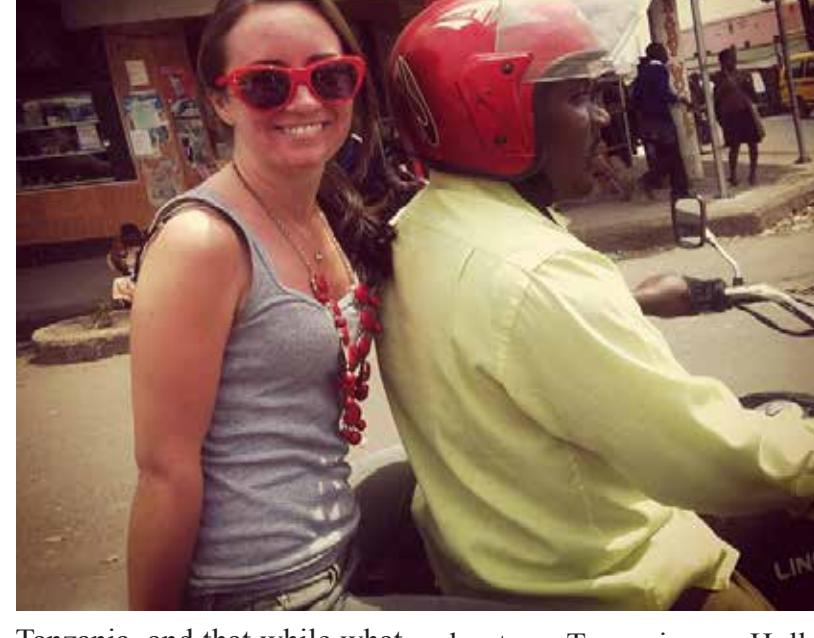
into Opportunity for Women Worldwide." The organization is a group of volunteers that confronts global oppression against women forced into sex trafficking, prostitution, gender-based violence and maternal mortality. The work of the group involves promoting health care, education and economic empowerment in order to give women and girls the opportunity to make a change in third-world countries.

After coming back to the states, Holly immediately began looking into organization and its' philosophy of empowerment for women. In September 2012, after careful consideration, she decided to volunteer her time with Half the Sky.

In her words "...I have to go after what I really want out of life. There will never be an easy time to take the leap, and I have simply run out of excuses that my brain cannot rationally dismiss. So here goes!"

Go where? Africa, Tanzania to be exact. Holly got her shots, passport and international driver's permit, packed her bags, and said her good-byes to begin a journey that so few of us will ever realize.

She found herself at the Girls Foundation of Tanzania



Tanzania, and that while what she is teaching is right for these women and girls, it is not necessarily what the local authorities thinks is right.

Holly writes that "questioning that authority can backfire, leaving the girls stuck paying the price. Actions that are made with the best intentions of generosity can teach horrible lessons about responsibility..."

The authoritarian Tanzanian government doesn't like competition, believing that education plays a key role in its development. The government itself is corrupt and at its' students in state-run schools are instructed to never question authority. While Holly added that it is not a violent country, oppression is widespread. If you are obedient you are safe, but poor. Some will learn to read and write but will never have the resources to take it to the next level.

"If ignorance is bliss in the eyes of the Tanzanian government, then why do they allow volunteers into the country to teach these kids?" I asked Holly.

A standard visa costs about \$100, while a volunteer Visa costs \$500. It is all about the money. The government knows that those being taught will only have a small window of opportunity to learn something and a brief look at the wider world via the Internet accessed in classes taught by women like Holly. By keeping the people poor, these tools will come and go quickly. Ninety percent of the population is poor and there is no upward mobility to work to make it better. Holly added that a number of people cannot even afford to buy a pot to boil water in.

Water is such a precious commodity and it should never be taken for granted, even here in our country. Only speaking

to the number of unwanted pregnancies, babies are put in dumpsters and set off to the sides of roads. Some are saved and taken care of in orphanages, but as they grow older they will be dependent on themselves for their own survival.

Asked about risk and the biggest challenge being there Holly commented that just like anyplace else there are always risks and challenges due to unfamiliarity, cultural differences and the isolation that goes without one's support system. It forces you to look into yourself, weaknesses and strength, which helps to bring things into perspective.

Holly noted that her exposure to the tribe through the Potawatomi Leadership Program helped her learn how to deal with the world outside of the classroom, giving her the self-confidence she has relied on since that time. There is no doubt she is a strong and independent person, and that much of it is solidified through the support of the CPN, knowing that we are here when she needs us.

What's next? Finding another job is the priority, but after working in this capacity, Holly is thinking of perusing her career by working at non-profit organizations.

Till next month.



"I feel especially lucky to have been a part of these kids' lives and bring a little bit of love to their lives for the time I was there," said Holly. "They brought a lot of love to my life too."

The kids were great, but their stories were heartbreaking for Holly as well. Tanzania is a very Christianized nation, so birth control is a very hot political issue. In addition, a majority of women are not educated and unaware of the consequences of unplanned pregnancies. Due



Holly is a Yale graduate with a degree in Political Science. She moved to New York and found employment with De Beers Diamond Company in marketing where she quickly rose through the ranks training new employees. After two years she took her talents to Meridian, a small company that makes very high-end sound systems for home, theater and automobiles.

While vacationing in the Dominican Republic during the Christmas holiday in 2011, Holly was reading a newspaper and came across an article about an organization called "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression

compound in Arusha, located near the Serengeti National Park, where she was assigned a position to teach computer and public speaking skills. The compound itself is funded and run through the organization, but can only house fifteen girls at a time, usually between the ages of 11 and 18. Over the course of four months, Holly would be teaching all of the Microsoft Office applications and the nuances of the Internet to this small group of girls.

Talking with Holly I learned a few interesting facts about Tanzania that most people here are unaware of. She learned very quickly that nothing is black and white in

## Jarred Buck

Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, Jarred Allen Buck, was recognized at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Feb 2, 2013 at Prince of Peace Catholic Community in Houston, Texas. Jarred currently resides in Tomball, Texas with his parents David and Liz Buck. Jarred joined Prince of Peace Cub Scout Pack 1928 as a Tiger Cub. After working his way through Cub Scouts, he crossed over to Boy Scouts and joined Troop 928 at Prince of Peace. Jarred is also a member of Crew 928 and a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Jarred has earned 32 merit badges, with only 21 being required to make Eagle Rank. He has gone to numerous winter and summer Scout camps in Texas and Oklahoma where he has backpacked, kayaked and canoed. He backpacked 67 miles at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico and spent a week at Florida National High Adventure Sea Base in the Florida Keys where he fished, snorkeled, kayaked, sailed and worked on service projects. He spent 10 days in Chiba, Japan with the Houston-Chiba Scout Exchange program. He has spent the night at Johnson Space Center and on the U.S.S. Lexington in Corpus Christi. He has learned many skills, from leadership to first aid to boat sailing. He has met many friends along the way and developed lasting friendships.

Jarred graduated Tomball

High School June 2012. For his Eagle Scout Project, he built a crushed granite path to and around the bell tower; all while landscaping the path and painting the bell tower at his home parish Tomball United Methodist Church. Jarred has enlisted in the U.S. Army and is leaving for boot camp on March 18, 2013. He will attend Explosives Ordnance Disposal School at Ft. Lee, Virginia after boot camp.



CPN member Jarred Buck

## Harold Lee Flanary

CPN member Harold Lee Flanary, a member of Troop 92, in Wamego, Kansas for his entire Boy Scout career, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest rank. He is the son of CPN member Richard Flanary and his wife, Claudeane and grandson of CPN member, Maxine Flanary of St. Marys, Kansas

Harold Lee's Eagle project was the construction of a natural stone base for a new digital electronic sign at his home church, The First United Methodist Church in Wamego, Kansas. He did this by using leftover cut stones

from the church's 2005-2006 expansion project. He also carved two, 110 year old stones that were saved from a historic hardware building. The hardware store building was razed after the business relocated and allowed for the church expansion, but with Harold's work incorporating the stones from the original building, the history of the city block it resides on will continue on. To raise money for the project, he recycled aluminum cans and organized volunteers to help lay the carved stones before the digital electronic was finally set on top.



CPN member Harold Flanary

## Lee Minick to lieutenant

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police Department recently held a special ceremony to promote Detective Lee Minick to lieutenant. Minick has served the CPN Police Department since 2006 as detective and will continue in that role while also taking on the responsibilities of Lieutenant.

A native of Beaumont Texas, Minick began his Oklahoma law enforcement career in 1999 when he began working for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

"I became a police officer because I wanted to be out in the community helping people," said Lieutenant Minick. "I enjoy assisting our citizens and this promotion reflects my work in this. I have more responsibilities with my new rank, but I look forward to it, and really want to thank everyone for their support."

Minick serves as the CPN PD's lead detective, a duty requiring him to investigate crimes ranging from burglaries, incidents of domestic violence and bogus check cases. Minick also assists the State of Oklahoma's Office of Inspector General in suspected cases of food stamp fraud as well as other investigations needed by surrounding agencies on offenses that start on tribal land and spread to other municipalities.

"Lee's investigative work allowed us to collect restitution

on around 50 percent of the forged checks we were investigating, even on cases that were four and five years old," said CPN District Court Justice Phil Lujon during the promotion ceremony. "His assistance on a very important embezzlement case is another example of his contribution to tribal justice."

The CPN police are a cross deputized with local law enforcement agency, meaning they are allowed to support and enforce the laws at a municipal, state, federal and tribal levels.

"I like working for the

tribal police, as we're cross deputized for tribal, city, state and federal jurisdictions," said Minick. "While our primary duty is to ensure the security and safety of tribal members and property, the cross commissions with other agencies allows us to assist our fellow law enforcement agencies if the need arises."

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police Department was founded more than two decades ago to protect tribal assets and employees, increase public safety and enhance the general well-being of the community.



"Police Chief Jim Collard presents Lieutenant Minick with his promotion certificate while Judge Phil Lujon Looks on."

## Diplomatic security a new responsibility for the CPN Police Department

When one thinks of the responsibilities of the CPN Police Department, diplomatic security would not be near the top of the list. But with the tribe's growing commercial interests, especially in terms of drawing outside investment to future projects, Chief of Police Dr. Jim Collard saw the need for a specialized unit to escort and protect touring delegations visiting the tribe.

"We believe it is appropriate to provide security to prevent anything unfortunate from taking place," said Collard. "While the risk of something happening is small, the ramifications that would result if something negative did occur are significant enough for us to prevent it."

Dr. Collard, who is also the tribe's Director of Economic Development, created the CPN Diplomatic Security Team to address two specific concerns that fell under his dual roles.

"Part of it is as a courtesy for these groups that visit. But also, as a sovereign nation we have certain responsibilities that other entities do not have to protect our guests," said Dr.

Collard.

The team of select CPN officers accompanies visiting dignitaries from the time they arrive to the time they leave. On a recent visit by a delegation from Jinchang City, China, the diplomatic security team met the group upon arrival at Will Rogers Airport in Oklahoma City and accompanied them throughout their day long tour of Shawnee and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Sergeant Mike Hendrickson is the team leader, having been part of the discussion with Dr. Collard that lead to the formation of the squad. Hendrickson, an Army National Guardsman, first worked in personal security details during his time protecting VIPs during a tour of duty in Iraq from 2008-09. His squad received training from TigerSwan, a private firm specializing in personal security services and instruction run by former secret service agents.

"As a personal security detail, your job isn't to stand and fight. Your duty is to protect the people you're

responsible for, and then get them out of harm's way," said Hendrickson.

The team is made up of tested police officers with years of street experience.

"We want seasoned police officers who can react well under pressure," said Hendrickson. "The goal is to get the people you know would react well in an emergency situation. But I've been impressed by how fast our team has picked everything up considering the amount of time we've been training. The recent Chinese delegation that visited the tribe expressed that they were impressed with our professional security team that accompanied them on their trip to Shawnee."

Hendrickson conducts the training for the squad, which currently consists of reviewing several scenarios the team could face during an average protection detail. However, Dr. Collard notes that in the near future, the team will also have the opportunity to train with the U.S. Secret Service.

## Update your information with Tribal Rolls!

If you have moved, please update your address with Tribal Rolls so that you continue to receive important information about Citizen Potawatomi Nation!

Call (405) 878-5835 or (800) 880-9880 for more information!

## A day at the aviary

**Morning** - Aviary managers Jennifer Randell and Bree Dunham always check in on the eagles at first light.

"It is very humbling to have the honor of meeting each new day with these magnificent creatures," stated Randell.



An eagle stands on a perch at the aviary



CPN members are welcome to spend some time at the aviary.

Typically the birds sleep through the night, but have even been known to vocally note their disapproval at being up too early.

"I've gone out there at 6 a.m. to check on them and had the equivalent of an eagle yell at me for waking them up," said Randell. "They are like children in that sense, they do not like being awake before they are ready to get up."

Depending on the season, feeding times can vary. An American Bald Eagle's normal body temperature is around 106 degrees Fahrenheit.

"When they are fed," noted Dunham, "their body temperature rises. So during the summer, we will feed them as soon as the sun comes up. In the winter time, we will wait until later in the afternoon."

Each eagle is fed between 8-12 ounces of a natural whole food diet consisting of quail, rat, and fish. Eagles are very routine based; for instance after meals are eaten each day they bathe themselves and then preen (straighten and cleaning of the feathers with the beak) before returning to their favorite perch.

**Afternoon** - Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays are typically the days reserved for tours of the aviary

facility. The rest of the week is spent conducting general maintenance and cleaning around the site. Once a week, the water is drained from the two recirculating streams in each enclosure, while bird droppings, leftover food and molted feathers must be

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gathered for disposal.

## Citizen Potawatomi Nation to host free family fun day April 27

Gather the family for an afternoon of free entertainment, games and education. Citizen Potawatomi Nation House of Hope will host a family fun day April 27 from 1-4 p.m. at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Festival Grounds inside the north and south reunion halls.

"We are excited to provide a fun afternoon for children and families in our community," said Amanda Chapman, Child Abuse & Domestic Violence

Prevention Coordinator, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. "Families are encouraged to come and enjoy the free food, activities, learn about the services CPN offers and gain information from other programs in Shawnee."

Activities will include arts and crafts, putt-putt, basketball, face painting, inflatables and more. Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal police will be creating digital ID kits for children and Safe Kids

Oklahoma will be installing and checking child safety seats.

FireLodge Children & Family Services is hosting the family fun day to raise awareness about sexual assault and child abuse.

For more information about family fun day, please call Amanda Chapman at (405)275-3176 or email at [Amanda.chapman@potawatomi.org](mailto:Amanda.chapman@potawatomi.org).

# CiTiZEN POTAWATOMi NATION FAMILY FUN DAY

Presented by FireLodge Children & Family Services

**April 27, 2013 from 1-4pm**

at the CPN Festival Grounds inside the North & South Reunion Halls

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April is National Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

For more information, contact:  
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## Oklahoma State Senator Josh Brecheen keynotes Youth Worker Summit

Local counselors, mentors and agency representatives gathered to connect with other professionals in the area to network, discuss working with youth and gain some inspiration to continue the important work they do in Shawnee and in neighboring cities.

WorkForce Investment Board and Citizen Potawatomi Nation hosted a youth worker summit with a keynote address from Senator Josh Brecheen and a panel of representatives from local youth service organizations and community coalitions.

"Professionals that work with young people have a rewarding, yet demanding job," said BJ Trousdale,



"Senator Josh Brecheen speaks to the audience at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center"

program coordinator, FireLodge Youth Program and who is also currently serving as Chair for the WorkForce Investment Board's Youth Advisory Coalition. "Helping youth to face development and navigate the world we live in is such a critical issue. This event was designed with those who work with younger generations in mind."

In addition to the presentation from Brecheen, the youth panel provided helpful insights into how to reach local youth. The program also addressed generational gaps in the workplace and community and provided some possible solutions about how to bridge those gaps to make communities more efficient and accessible to younger generations.

"We hope we encouraged community members to reach out to young and capable

people in this area," added Trousdale. "We all know it takes a village, and that old adage holds true today when the next generation is requesting our help and assistance to develop skills, find opportunities, and relies on our recommendations to carry out their work and educational goals."

Those attending included members from the East Central and Oklahoma Central WorkForce Investment offices and their partner ResCare, the Department of Human Services, the Office of Juvenile Affairs, the Shawnee Youth Coalition, CPN's FireLodge Youth Council, the Department of Rehabilitative Services, police departments from local and tribal agencies, various tribes in central Oklahoma and mental health agencies including Red Rock and CPN Behavioral Health.

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## William Keith building dedication

If you ever have business with the Del City, Oklahoma Police Department or Municipal

Court, you'll notice the name on their new home as you approach: William Haskell Keith. As you walk into the facility, you might devote some thought to the too-short life of Officer Keith. He is the Del City Police officer, and the father and husband of Citizen Potawatomi Nation members, for whom the building is named.

Keith had been a Del City police officer for just 26 days on January 12, 1965 when he sustained injuries that took his life a week later. At 10:53 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 1965, Del City Police Sgt. John Dickinson, 42, and rookie officer Keith, 26, became involved in a high-speed vehicle pursuit.

During the pursuit, Sgt. Dickinson fired at the fleeing vehicle with his revolver and shotgun while Officer Keith drove. Near the intersection of S.E. 74th Street and South Sunnyleane Road, the police car went out of control, hit a telephone pole at an estimated 80 miles per hour, and rolled over into a ditch. Harry Kenneth Turoczi, 19, was arrested the next day and charged

with eluding police and several other offenses.

Officer Keith died of his injuries a week later, at 1:20 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19,

just his 33rd day as a police officer. His wife Carolyn, a CPN member, and three young children survived Officer Keith. Sgt. Dickinson survived his injuries.

In mid-July 2012, Del City and state officials, residents, law enforcement, and others

braved the midday heat for the building's dedication to the only Del City police officer to ever die in the line of duty. The new building is on S.E. 29th street just east of Sunnyleane Road. Many of Keith's surviving family members attended the dedication and open house.

"We've been talking about this day since I walked into the old station in 1980," Assistant Chief of Police John Smith said. Planning of the 18,000 square-foot building came in fits and starts, beginning as early as 1979.

Design and engineering of the headquarters finally began in 2008. Construction started in September 2010 and the building was completed in March 2012. The \$4 million headquarters was paid for with a temporary sales tax. New amenities include a bright and spacious courtroom.

The jail can hold 10 individuals and includes a drunk tank.

Walls in the cells and in the hallway are painted pink. Police Chief Phil Taylor said the soft pink walls have a calming effect on the prisoners. "I think it does help, and it doesn't hurt," he said. Inside the building are a state-of-the-art dispatch center, laundry and shower areas, more than 32 surveillance cameras, and enhanced security.

Doors to the Sally Port, where prisoners are brought in, close automatically after 60 seconds, and public-access doors are timer-controlled. The headquarters also has

geothermal heating and cooling.

CPN member Kim Dalton, officer Keith's daughter attended the police station dedication, driving from Colorado to do so. Dalton said, "I was approached by so many people. However, the Del City mayor stands out due to the fact of his asking if I would like to say a few words during the ceremony. I spoke following several government officials and my brother, Jeremy Keith, had spoken. I let everyone know they had done a beautiful job and that my dad would have been proud."

Dalton added, "In listening to a lot of words on the death of my father, I would like to let you know that, every time we see a policeman or sheriff's deputy or get pulled over, all that is said is 'I'll give you a warning.' I look up and say, 'Thank you, Dad, my guardian angel.' He is always with me. His Spirit is with me. He is not dead!"

After the groundbreaking on August 31, 2010, Jeremy Keith said he feels a variety of emotions when he thinks about how Del City is honoring his father. "It took him a little while to get to this point, being a police officer," Keith said. "He was in the Air National Guard. He worked for the Post Office." (Ironically, the Del City Post Office is next door to the site of the building that bears William Keith's name.)

"Finally, he got to his dream job," said Keith. "Sadly, he was taken away from the job that he was looking forward to doing for the rest of his life."

"Sometimes, you want to bury



DC7: Officials cut the ribbon at the building dedication

it, and it kinda brings up old memories,, he added. "But, in another way, I'm honored that they're continuing what he sacrificed for my generation, my grandchildren and for future generations."

Jeremy Keith says that his father will always be his hero. "He was my fire. He was my guidance. He was my drive."

Kim Dalton offered her appreciation to her husband, Robert Dalton. "Without him, I would not have been able to make the arduous trip to the dedication ceremony." she said.

She was also thankful for help from Rhonda Dyer, the

Del City Police Department Secretary, "She is my new Guardian Angel," Dalton said. "Without her, I would have never known anything. She showed us around the building, after lots of hugs and such."

Shortly after arriving at the Del City Police Station for the ceremony, Dalton was introduced to Daniel LeClaire, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member who was a CPN Police officer. She said Officer LeClaire reminded her of her father, and she was thankful to have him stand with her.



Kim Dalton, daughter of William Keith and CPN Detective Daniel LeClaire pose at the building dedication.

## A Lifetime of Service – Carmelita Wamego Skeeter, IHCRC CEO

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Written by Emily Bolusky

Carmelita Wamego Skeeter has been the Chief Executive Officer of Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa since 1989. Recognized as

one of Oklahoma's most distinguished First Ladies of Health, Carmelita Skeeter coordinates the activities and vision of Indian Health Care. This member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation speaks out strongly in support of minority and Indian health needs. Ms. Skeeter has been recognized

and honored with a number of awards and leadership positions.

Ms. Skeeter has distinguished herself both locally and nationally with her advocacy and dedication to a wide range of critical health care issues. She is an activist who is in strong support in aiding underserved populations. Her devotion to providing the Tulsa area Indian community with the best in health care is unparalleled. If Carmelita recognizes that someone's needs are not being met, she won't hesitate to take care of the situation herself. She is not a person that sits down in the time of need – she is the one that coordinates the troops.

When you ask Carmelita why she believes she got involved in healthcare she will tell you it all goes back to her childhood. Being the oldest of 13 children she naturally became a caregiver at an early age. It was only natural that she would take the lessons she learned as a child and adapt them to her life's mission. It comes as second nature for her to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, to seek help for those who do not know where to begin and to advocate for equality when others are afraid to voice concerns.

Carmelita Skeeter began her career in health care four decades ago, first as a volunteer at Neighbor for Neighbor and then at Project Get Together (now part of the CAPTC). Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa started from humble beginnings. In 1976

a survey revealed the medical needs of the Tulsa area Indian community were not being met. Ms. Skeeter was one of four original employees who recognized the need to establish a center dedicated to serving the health needs of Tulsa's vast urban Indian population. Initially the agency only provided referral services, but within a year, provision of medical services began. During her 35 plus years with IHCRC, Carmelita has been recognized numerous times for her commitment to providing quality, accessible and comprehensive health care to Tulsa's Indian people.

Today IHCRC's comprehensive health center has over 130 employees who provide primary medical and dental care, preventive services, therapeutic measures, health education and community outreach. Supportive medical services include a diagnostic lab and x-ray, mammography, optometry and pharmacy.

Behavioral health services include psychiatry, individual, family and group professional counseling and out-patient substance abuse treatment. This rich mix of services holistically addresses all areas of an individual's life.

The strength of the Indian family provides the foundation to promote positive development and foster healthy living. As one of Tulsa's traditional providers of critical safety net health care, IHCRC maintains close working relationships with other community agencies to assist clients with referrals of

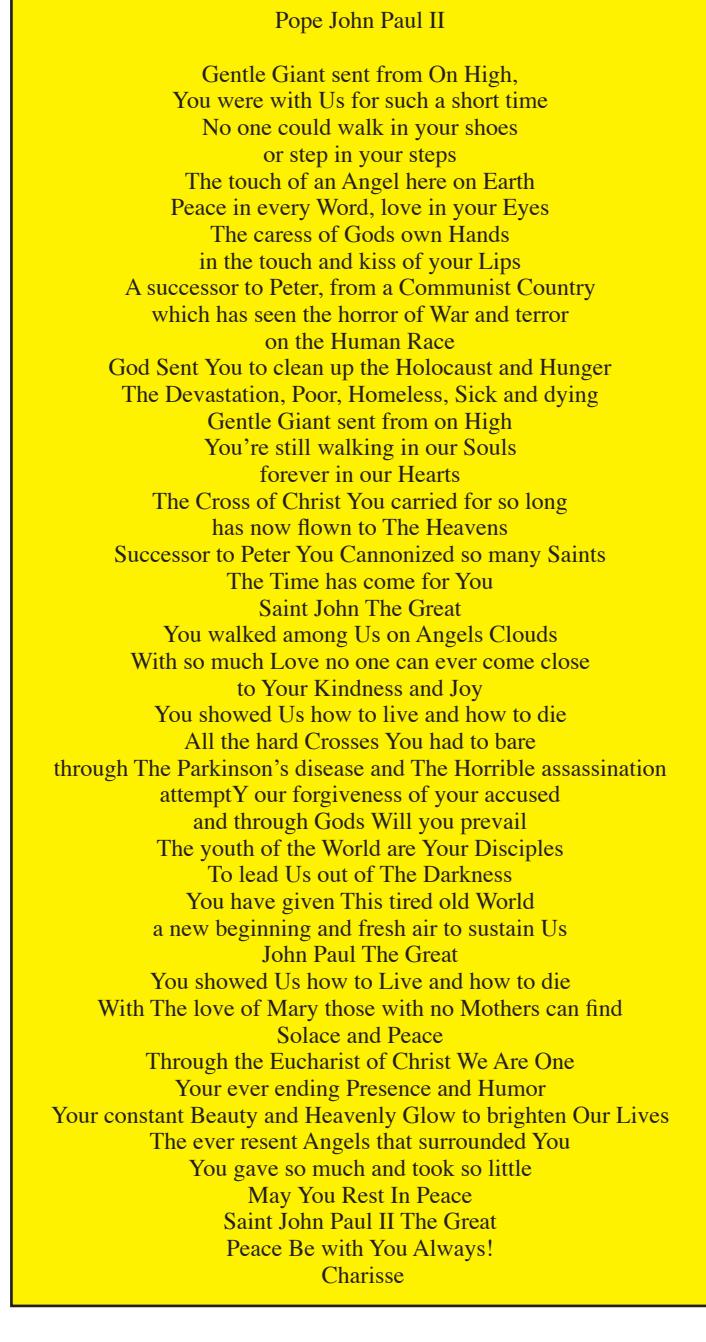


Carmelita Wamego Skeeter

wraparound services.

Time and again, Carmelita Skeeter has demonstrated she has the strong management and leadership skills needed to direct Indian Health Care. Her skills have been acknowledged numerous times throughout the years. Her accolades have encompassed her management skills to her compassion and dedication to the community.

Carmelita has dedicated her life to the clinic and the issues affecting all Native Americans. She is an inspiration to everyone she meets. She is never without drive and determination to add to and enhance the many services already provided by Indian Health Care. She is admired and respected by the IHCRC patients, former and current staff, and the Board of Trustees. Indian Health Care would not be such a vital resource to the Tulsa community without the strength and loyalty of Carmelita Skeeter.



## Smoking cessation, a life saver!

By Dr. Ron Shaw

Smoking commercial tobacco (meaning non-traditional use) is associated with a loss of 10 years of life for those who continue smoke after age 40. Quitting smoking can reclaim 90 percent of those lost years, provided one stops before age 40. Stopping later in life still affords benefits, but the ability to reclaim those "lost" years is lessened.

Tobacco related deaths exceed 400,000 a year in the U.S. and the claims of adverse health risks (and improvement in those risks with cessation) are substantiated by many scientific studies and are irrefutable.

Data from Oklahoma indicates that 70 percent of Native Americans have smoked, compared to 50 percent of Caucasians. About 25 percent of Native Americans smoke every day compared to about 19 percent of Caucasians, while most smokers admit to having had their first cigarette as an adolescent.

Cigarette smoking on a daily basis is related to nicotine dependence. Nicotine is an alkaloid drug delivered from the blood vessels in the lungs to the brain within seconds of starting a cigarette. The effects of nicotine include short and long-term changes in the meso-limbic system in the brain, also termed the "reward center." This system is the site of other addictive drugs, including alcohol and opiates.

After sufficient exposure to

nicotine, quitting will produce withdrawal symptoms including irritability, headaches and restlessness. These symptoms are limited and are not health threatening, but are uncomfortable for many individuals and cause many who attempt to stop smoking to fail.

During the last 15 years, medical authorities have developed a handful of options for those who desire to quit smoking. These options are likely to double your chances at successfully quitting compared to what one smoker called the typical "white knuckled, cold turkey attempt."

These options include smoking cessation counseling classes, which the CPN health services have available at no cost to clinic patients. Once the third class has been completed and a quit date has been set, a free prescription of Chantix is available for those patients without reason to withhold a certain medical treatment. This drug has been the most successful medication to date for smoking cessation. Indeed, side effects such as depression may occur, including suicidal ideation, but this is more common in patients who have a history of these problems. Despite this knowledge, I have some patients who tell me they are afraid of this drug, yet continue to use the drug nicotine which threatens to take 10 years off their life!

Bupropion (Wellbutrin) is another medication that specifically assists with nicotine craving and also

offers an anti-depressant effect for those patients affected by major depression from withdrawals. It also blunts the weight gain experienced by many people who successfully quit smoking. This drug combined with nicotine replacement is an effective combination.

Nicotine replacement (patch and gum or Nicotrol inhaler) alone is effective as well, with best results having been achieved with a combination of patch and gum use. If vivid dreams or nightmares occur, remove the patch at bedtime.

Finally, there has been a lot of interest in "vaping" as a legitimate method for smoking cessation. These E-cigarettes are known to have extremely variable amounts of nicotine delivery and have not been tested or approved by the FDA. Nicotine replacements products (patch, gum and Nicotrol inhaler) have predictable and reliable amounts of nicotine delivery. There is no good evidence that supports the effectiveness of these nicotine vapor devices and most of their current use is fueled by anecdotal testimonials from those who

have had success in the short term.

Your healthcare provider can assist you with deciding which medication is best for you and for general information regarding smoking cessation.

In closing, quit cigarettes and live a longer and healthier life!

### 2013 CPN Reunion Festival Family Interview Schedule

#### FRIDAY JUNE 28

8:00am to 5:30pm All Veteran & Family Interviews in Studio

#### SATURDAY JUNE 29

#### TRIBAL HERITAGE 2013 HONORED FAMILY INTERVIEWS



#### STATION 1

|         |                   |
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| JOHNSON | 8:00am - 9:15am   |
| LAREAU  | 9:15am - 10:15am  |
| MELOTT  | 10:15am - 11:30pm |
| TESCIER | 12:30pm-1:30pm    |
| YOUNG   | 1:30pm - 2:30pm   |

#### STATION 2

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| LAFROMBOISE |
| LECLAIR     |
| RHOOD       |
| WELD        |

#### SUNDAY JUNE 30

8:00am to Noon All Veteran & Family Interviews in Studio

### A few tips for proper home dental hygiene from CPN dentist Chase Youngblood DDS

- Brush your teeth at least twice a day (especially before going to bed at night) with an ADA approved soft bristle brush and toothpaste.
- Brush at a 45 degree angle to the gums, gently using a small, circular motion, ensuring that you always feel the bristles on the gums.
- You should spend approximately 2 minutes brushing. Try multitasking to help pass the time! Flossing – Daily flossing is the best way to clean between the teeth and under the gum line. Flossing not only helps clean these spaces, it disrupts plaque colonies from building up, preventing damage to the gums, teeth, and bone.
- Take 12-16 inches (30-40cm) of dental floss and wrap it around your middle fingers, leaving about 2 inches (5cm) of floss between the hands.
- Using your thumbs and forefingers to guide the floss, gently insert the floss between teeth using a sawing motion.
- Curve the floss into a "C" shape around each tooth and under the gum line. Gently move the floss up and down, cleaning the side of each tooth.

- Rinsing – It is important to rinse your mouth with water after brushing, and also after meals if you are unable to brush. If you are using an over-the-counter product for rinsing, it's a good idea to consult with your dentist or dental hygienist on its appropriateness for you.
- For more information about dental services or to schedule an appointment, call 405-878-4693.

Ray Taitpeah Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Care Worker

## Honor what is SACRED

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## College Prep Workshop Comes to Dallas

Cherokee Nation Foundation and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation are taking a college prep workshop on the road to Dallas on April 27. The free seminar teaches students to dissect the college application process, find scholarships, identify deadlines and complete financial aid.

"There are many misconceptions about the application process," said Kimberlie Gilliland, executive director of Cherokee Nation Foundation. "We are excited to have the opportunity to

partner with another tribe to help prepare a Native youth for success. It is a win-win, by helping us both reach potential students in Dallas area."

College representatives will be available to provide information about their schools and answer questions. Parents are encouraged to attend with students for assistance with FAFSA applications and deadlines. The workshop also addresses important issues and opportunities for Native American students.

"College scholarships are

highly competitive and our Native youth need to understand how to work through the application process and position themselves as top candidates for scholarships," said Robert Whistler, CPN Legislator and Chairman for the education and mentoring committee of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas. "We are pleased that Cherokee Nation Foundation is helping us reach out to tribal members in the Dallas area."

Participants will have the opportunity to sign up for the Cherokee Nation Foundation's

college-readiness program in July. The Cherokee College Prep Institute is a weeklong residential program, connecting high school juniors and seniors with university representatives from across the nation on a 4-to-1 student-faculty ratio.

The scholarship workshop is Saturday, April 27, at the Nolan Estes building located at 3313 S. Beckley Ave, in Dallas, Texas. The event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is open to the public. Information applies to all students and provides special insight for

Native American and minority students.

For more information or to register for the scholarship workshop, please call (918) 207-0950 or email Contact@cherokeenationfoundation.org



Bozho,

We had a good time at our February meeting. The wives put together a special meal of "Stone Soup". They started with a pot of beef and a pot of chicken, and then everyone brought veggies and noodles to add to it. When they

finished adding stuff, we had a great "pot-luck" soup. This was a case of the more cooks, the better, and there was more than enough for everyone and it was fun for all.

On February 24, the CPN Veterans Organization's Color Guard presented the colors at

the Oklahoma State Capitol in celebration of Seniors Day. It was raining hard and threatening to become a blizzard, but we made it there and were a hit with all the seniors attending. We had a lot of requests for photos with attendees. It made us feel real special and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation was being recognized by the state of Oklahoma.

Daryl Talbot, Herb Holton, Bill Wano, Robert Barrett and Joe David Melot with our wives braved the weather to carry our colors. Migwetch!

At the latest meeting, we had a special presentation for Troy

Graham, our first Commander. He was presented a plaque in recognition of his work in guiding the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veterans Organization through its early, formative years. Migwetch, Troy!

Roy Wano, the son of honored senior member Max Wano, announced an upcoming Veterans Awareness Celebration at the historic downtown Shawnee Veterans Memorial Park on Saturday April 13, 2013 from noon to 6 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and "Honor Our Community Veterans". There will be lots to see, food and inside entertainment at the

Senior Center Auditorium. It's fun for the whole family.

Member the CPN Veterans Organization has monthly social meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the North Reunion Hall at the Potawatomi Powwow Grounds. All CPN Veterans and their families are welcome. For more information about our organization and how to become a member attend one of our meetings or visit the website at: www.cpnveterans.org.

Daryl Talbot, Commander

## Citizen Potawatomi Nation offering Tax Prep Service

Citizen Potawatomi Nation will once again offer assistance to file federal and state income tax returns for those earning less than \$51,000 annually.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program offers trained tax preparers to e-file state and federal taxes. The service is offered until April 13, 2013. The service is

provided free to those who meet the income requirement and are able to travel to Shawnee, Okla. to meet with a tax preparer.

The VITA Program generally offers free tax help to people who make \$51,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide

free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals in local communities. They can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled.

Those wishing to utilize the

service must provide a photo ID, Social Security cards for each person listed on the return, W-2s, 1099s, a copy of the previous year's tax return, documentation of deductions and bank account information for direct deposit of any refund. Additional documents may be required, depending on the return.

Please call 405-878-1512 to schedule an appointment with the VITA program

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Community Development Corporation is also offering the use of computers to e-file tax returns. Please call 405-598-0797 for more information. Assistance will be available from CDC staff.

## CPN Veterans' Color Guard opens Senior Day

In front of a full House chamber, the CPN Veterans' Organization Color Guard opened Senior Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol on February 25. The five man color guard carried the American flag, Oklahoma flag, Citizen Potawatomi Nation flag, CPN Veterans Organization and POW-MIA flags into the legislative chamber where the pledge of allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Senior Day at the Capitol is an opportunity for older citizens

and those working in industries serving them to learn about legislation affecting the state's aging population. Seniors have the opportunity to meet with politicians and representatives from non-profit organizations working on issues important to them.

The CPN Vets Color Guard is headed by Team Leader Herb Holton. They have served as a color guard for previous activities held by the DHS Aging Division. The team will also serve at a state-wide convention held by the DHS

Aging Division this May. "As we are all veterans, we feel a sincere devotion to God and country while performing under our nation's flag," said Holton. "There are several facets of a veteran's life that

brings credit to the tribe, our families and our fellow vets. Performing as the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard at events like this is just one of the many we enjoy."



Pictured from left to right - Commander Daryl Talbot, Robert Barrett, Team Leader Herb Holton, Joe Melot and Acting Secretary Bill Wano

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# GOVERNMENT

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*People of the Fire*

## Some incumbents run unopposed in 2013 election

Citizen Potawatomi Nation voters will vote for Legislators in District 2 and in District 4 on June 29, 2013. Legislative District 1 incumbent Roy Slavin, District 3 incumbent Robert Whistler and Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett are unopposed in the 2013 election.

Chairman John Barrett is entering his eighth term in office. Barrett, who has held the post since 1985, will serve another four year term of office following the election's certification.

Barrett last defended his incumbency in 2009 and has overseen the tribe's extensive development as a financial and business entity while bolstering services for tribal members. During his tenure, the tribe has opened new revenue streams such as the Firelake Grand Casino, Iron Horse Industrial Park and has established the tribe as Pottawatomie County's largest employer.

CPN members in District 1 will continue to be served by incumbent Roy Vern Slavin, who will also run unopposed. Slavin will be serving his second full term after having won the 2008 electoral race by just one vote.



Tribal members in the country's Southeast will choose between incumbent Eva Marie Carney and challenger Anthony Cole for District 2's legislative seat. Carney, an Arlington, Virginia resident, is running for her third term, having served as the district's representative since her electoral victory in the 2008 elections. Cole, of New Orleans, had sought the

district's seat in 2008.

Robert Mitchell Whistler, a two time candidate, will serve as District 3 representative for members living in eastern and central Texas.

In the other contested race, incumbent Theresa Adame and Jon E. Boursaw will again contend for Kansas' District 4 legislative spot. Adame,

defeated the former U.S. Air Force colonel in the 2009 election and is a two time incumbent.

In-person voting will commence June 29 during the annual CPN Family Festival.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Election Committee will mail absentee ballot

request forms to all eligible voters after March 1, 2013. Furthermore, a ballot request form will be published in future editions of the Hownikan.

## CPN Legislature Update

Citizen Potawatomi Nation legislative and executive branches held a legislative meeting February 28, 2013.

One major ordinance passed without opposition was an amendment to the tribe's code for business regulation, an effect of the Federal HEARTH Act of 2012. The act allows tribes to lease restricted lands for residential, business, public, religious, educational, or recreational purposes

without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. In practice it will give the Citizen Potawatomi Nation increased control over its assets as long as its actions are consistent with Bureau of Indian Affairs regulations.

The CPN annual budget for the fiscal year 2013-14 passed. The total of \$713,000 is to be drawn from estimated earnings and interest on program funds that have been awarded in

judgments by the United States Court of Claims. Final approval of the budget must be passed at the next General Council meeting.

Also passed during the meeting was an ordinance amending the CPN tax code to create a hotel occupancy tax for lodgings on tribal land. A tax of 7.77 percent is levied on the bill of renters of hotel rooms, though there are exceptions for government officials while

on business trips and travelers who rent the rooms for more than 30 days.

The tribal legislature also ratified Resolution 13-39 LCoE, enrolling 126 applicants into the membership of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Legislators gave their unanimous approval to grant applications for federally funded programs including Tribal Historic Preservation Office, 2013 CDFI Grant

Assistance Program and a Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation grant that aims to develop public safety and criminal justice matters for Native Americans.

## Violence Against Women Act reauthorized

The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives have voted to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. The law, passed in 1994, has a proven record of reducing domestic violence and violent acts against women.

"We are pleased that the house has voted to reauthorize the Violence Again Women Act with all tribal provisions intact. We have an outstanding court system and have a better understanding of our citizens' needs than anyone else," said Linda Capps, Vice Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. "The fact is that Native American women face a domestic violence rate at more than twice the national average. We have a responsibility to protect the women of our

communities from violence. This act empowers our courts to protect the mothers, daughters and sisters of our great tribe and community. We applaud those who supported the reauthorization."

Crimes against women have decreased by 67 percent since the bill was created. The bill also provides local and state authorities \$659 million in grant funds for the next five years. Citizen Potawatomi Nation received more than two million dollars in grant funds from the Office of Violence Against Women since 2009. Those funds are used for legal assistance, police training and transitional housing for domestic violence victims.

## Applications due May 1 for Potawatomi Leadership Program

The Potawatomi Leadership Program is designed to give you workplace experience and earnings for college. The program is only open to enrolled tribal members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and is limited between 8 to 10 students. This year's program will begin June 24 and end on August 2, 2013.

To download an application visit <http://www.potawatomi.org/services/education>

## Family Festival set for June 28-30



Each year at the Family Reunion Festival, Citizen Potawatomi Nation honors several of the founding families. Those being honored at the 2013 Family Reunion Festival are the Johnson, Lafromboise, LaReau, LeClaire, Melott, Rhodd, Tescier, Weld and Young families.

For those attending festival it's time to start making your travel and lodging plans. Here is a list of local lodging to help you.

### Lodging:

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| Hampton Inn                       | 405-275-1540 |
| Holiday Inn Express               | 405-275-8880 |
| La Quinta Inn and Suites          | 405-275-7930 |
| Heart of Oklahoma Expo RV park    | 405-275-7020 |
| Citizen Potawatomi Nation RV Park | 405-878-5830 |
| Comfort Inn & Suites              | 405-273-8667 |
| Days Inn                          | 405-275-6720 |
| Motel 6                           | 405-275-5310 |
| Super 8                           | 405-275-0089 |
| America's Best Value Inn          | 405-275-4404 |

"The Native American Speaks"  
on KGFF-AM (1450)  
or KOKC-AM (1520)  
or [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org)

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## Florida Regional 2013



Sherri Hardy of Panama City, Florida is a descendant of the Curley family. Legislator Eva Marie Carney of Arlington, Virginia is a member of the Juneau family.



Frances Henderson of Pensacola, Florida, a descendant of the Nadeau family, and Linda Capps of Shawnee, OK is a descendant of the Navarre family.



Kim and John Garrett, a descendant of the Nadeau family, live in Mobile, Alabama.



Anthony Cole of Violet, Louisiana is a descendant of the Yott family. Anthony is a Legislative candidate for District #2.



Legislator Eva Marie Carney of Arlington, Virginia is a member of the Juneau family. She is the incumbent for Legislative District #2



Hazel Clevenger and Mike Shields are from Panama City, Florida. Hazel is a member of the Toupin family.



Two year-old Christian with his mother Jessica Biagi of Brookhaven, Mississippi is the youngest enrolled member in attendance. They are shown with Chairman John Barrett of Shawnee, Oklahoma who is a descendant of the Peltier/Bourassa families.



Ted Welfelt of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida carries his heritage family name; Welfelt. Chairman John Barrett presents a Pendleton travel bag to Ted.



District #1 Legislator Roy Slavin and wife Julie of Kansas City, Missouri are shown with Joan Calloway of Pace, Florida. Slavin is a Potawatomi heritage name and Joan is a member of the Weld family.



Denise Beil of Tampa, Florida, Dennis Johnson of Clearwater, Florida, and Chairman John Barrett of Shawnee, Oklahoma.



Cheryl Ann Smith of Columbus, Georgia, a member of the Degriff family visits with Orrin Seever of Santa Rosa, Florida. Orrin is the husband of Nelda Seever who is a member of the Pettifer family.



Annabelle Pittman with granddaughters Tatum and Sara are descendants of the Nadeau family and live in Milton, Florida.



Brenda Belcher, Corinn Garrison, & Jessica Biagi; all members of the Nadeau family.

## Name Ceremony



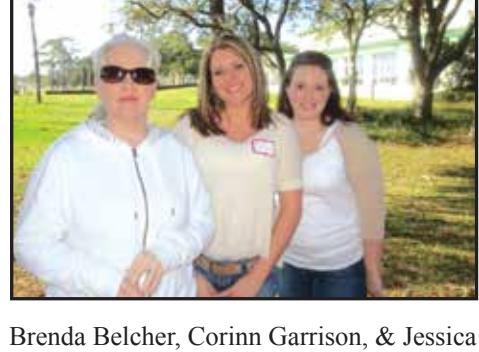
Tim Pyeatt of Navarre, Florida with his wife and sons Joshua and Tanner (seated). They are descendants of the Pettifer family.



Nelda Seever of Santa Rosa, Florida, a member of the Pettifer family with Legislator Roy Slavin and his wife Julie of Kansas City, Missouri.



Frank Belcher, Legislator Eva Marie Carney, Frances and Judd Henderson.



Brenda Belcher, Corinn Garrison, & Jessica Biagi; all members of the Nadeau family.



Tom Talty and wife Cyndi of Santa Rosa Beach are members of the Juneau family; Anthony Cole, a Yott descendant, and Amanda Hardesty live in Violet, Louisiana.



Tim Pyeatt places kindling on the fire for the CPN Naming Ceremony after the district meeting.



Chairman John Barrett blesses Tanner Pyeatt prior to the naming ceremony. Standing behind Tanner are his father Tim Pyeatt and his grandmother Nelda Seever. Those in the background are Tom Talty, Anthony Cole, and Amanda Hardesty.

## Texas Regional Meeting



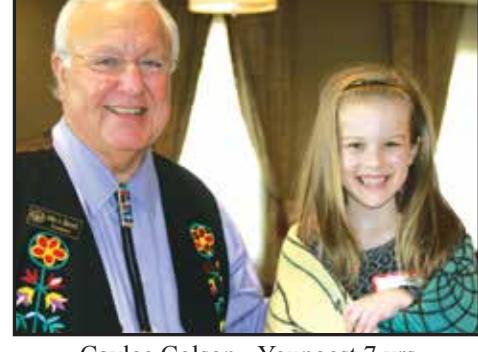
Sherry Bryan



Mary Herrick



Lois Marie Caldwell - Oldest 88 yrs



Caylee Colson - Youngest 7 yrs



Eva Marie Carney, Chairman Barrett, & Nina White - Farthest Away



Serenity Hansen, Becky Hansen, & Mrs. Capps

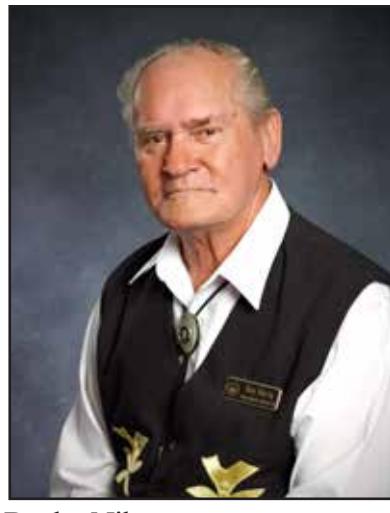


Chairman Barrett, Andrew Walters & Judith Walters

# Legislative Columns

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## District 1 - Roy Slavin



Bozho Nikan

It's time to start thinking of spring, although with 8 inches of snow on the ground from our last storm it seems a little premature. But June is just around the corner and that is festival

time from June 28-30. Honor families this year are Johnson, Lafromboise, LaRue, Leclare, Melott, Rhodd, Tescier, Weld, Young.

Other dates to mark on your calendar are:

- Tribal area meetings for District 1 and 2 Saturday on April 20 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Chateau on the Lake, 415 North State Highway 265, Branson, Mo., 65616.

- Tribal Area meetings for District 1 and 2 also occur on May 4 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Hotel Manaco, 2 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.

- Tribal Area meeting District 1 and 4 on Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Sheraton Overland Park, 6100 College Blvd., Overland Park, Kan.

•Gathering of Potawatomi Nations, August 4-11 in Dowagiac, Mich.

These dates and other important information are available on the Nation's web site. For instance, for those attending the festival there is a list of hotels with phone number for room reservations and another for reservation of camp sites at the nation's camp grounds. You may also try our new hotel at the Grand Casino, I believe it will be open by then. The web site is [www.potawatomi.org](http://www.potawatomi.org). I encourage everyone to visit this site, you will find a wealth of information there about our enterprises, services, language, government, culture, news and events.

I have spoke of the progress and building going on at "Firelake"

(all future references to our tribal area in this article and future articles will be Firelake) I am especially proud of the ball fields. The ball fields were opened in March of 2012 and hosted more than 20 events during the 2012 baseball and softball season. Those events ranged from tee ball to high school tournaments. For 2013 there are already 30 events scheduled including college competitions and there are also plans to host the adult and youth softball tournaments for the Jim Thorp Games. The Ball Fields at Firelake are within walking distance of the Firelake bowling center, Subway, San Remos Pizzeria, Firelake grocery and Firelake Casino. Stay tuned for more exciting additions to Firelake that will soon to be added, making it the vacation destination envisioned by

Chairman Barrett.

I will end this article as always with a plea for your contact information. If you live in Missouri or anywhere east of Missouri and north of Arkansas, you are in District 1 and should receive periodic e-mails or regular mail from me. If you do not then it is because I do not have your contact information. Please send it to me at [rslavin@potawatomi.org](mailto:rslavin@potawatomi.org) or Roy Slavin, 6730 Tower Drive, Kansas City, Mo 64151 or call me toll free at 1-888-741-5767 This phone number follows me where ever I go.

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Netagtege (Roy)

## District 2 - Eva Marie Carney



Bozho nikana/Hello friends,

Benefits: Health Aid and Mail Order Pharmacy Programs. This winter I've been attending the Chairman's Area Gatherings that are within driving distance of members in District 2 (Fort Walton Beach, Florida and Galveston, Texas, so far; Branson, Missouri and Baltimore, Maryland to follow in Spring) and have been hearing Vice Chairman Capps speak to everyone about benefits, including the Health Aid Foundation Program and the CPN Prescription Drug Program. I have wondered why certain items are expressly covered by the Health Aid program and how the Prescription Drug Program interacts with Medicare/Medicaid coverage. I recently ran across a good summary piece about Medicare and Medicaid Services that answered my questions – the answer is that the Health Aid device coverage list, and the Prescription Drug Program, were developed in large part to "fill the gaps," by offering funds (and no-cost prescription drugs) to defray the cost of items that Medicare and Medicaid do NOT cover for our people.

To illustrate what I mean, here is the list of items that can be purchased/reimbursed under the Health Aids Program (up to \$750 per person for tribal members born on or before Dec. 31, 1976): prosthetic devices, eyeglasses, contacts, hearing aids, dentures, partials, crowns, wheelchairs, mobile chairs, CPAP machines, prescription sunglasses and mobile chair lifts & ramps for vehicles. And here is a summary of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Mail Order Pharmacy, C-MOP for short: C-MOP provides formulary medications for eligible CPN elders and totally disabled tribal members. CPN tribal members 63 years of age or older, and all totally disabled CPN tribal members regardless of age, are eligible to participate in C-MOP Plan A. Enrolled Plan A beneficiaries receive

medications that are on the CPN Health Services formulary through the mail at no cost.

Now, here is the information, taken from the Medicare/Medicaid summary piece that I ran into in our Virginia paper, written by Nancy B. O'Connor, the Medicare Regional Administrator for the states of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia, that reflects that these items are not covered by those programs:

"More than 47 million seniors age 65 and older, and people with certain disabilities and medical conditions, get their health care coverage through Medicare. While Medicare covers many health care services, it does not cover everything. In fact, people are often surprised at the items and services that Medicare does not cover.

"So, what does, and doesn't, Medicare cover? For those with original, fee-for-service Medicare, the following lists offer the highlights.

"Services Medicare Part A ("Hospital Insurance") DOES cover:

- Inpatient hospital care

- Inpatient care in a skilled nursing facility for a limited number of days, following a qualifying 3-day minimum inpatient hospital stay for a related illness or injury

- Home health services as ordered by a doctor (or other health care provider), including nursing care; physical, speech or occupational therapy; medical social services; home health aide services and medical supplies for use at home

- Hospice care if you have a terminal illness with a life expectancy of 6 months or less, as certified by a doctor, at home or facility where you reside. Limited coverage for stays in a hospice facility, hospital or skilled nursing facility for pain or symptom management

Services Medicare Part A does NOT cover include:

- Custodial care or long-term care in a skilled nursing facility or nursing home. Custodial care includes non-skilled personal care, like help with bathing, dressing, eating, getting in and out of a bed or chair, or toileting

- Private duty nursing

"Confusion often exists about Medicare coverage and nursing homes. Medicare does NOT pay for room and board costs or non-skilled personal (custodial)

care in a nursing home, or long term care or assisted living facility. It does cover Medicare-approved medical care and services, ordered and rendered by a Medicare-enrolled health care provider, such as a doctor or physical therapist, to the beneficiary who is a resident.

"Services Medicare Part B ("Medical Insurance") DOES cover:

- Doctors' visits, services and tests; outpatient care and services; some home health services not covered under Part A; certain durable medical equipment (DME), prosthetics, orthotics and supplies

- Medicare-covered services provided by non-physician health care providers, such as nurse practitioners, physician assistants, social workers, psychologists, physical therapists, and others

- Many preventive services and tests

- Outpatient mental health care

- Kidney dialysis services and supplies

- Ambulance transport for medically-necessary services (limited)

- Chiropractic services (limited)

- Eyeglasses (limited to after-cataract surgery that implants an intraocular lens)

- Some prescription drugs (i.e. injections in doctor's office, certain oral cancer drugs)

- Transplants and immunosuppressive drugs

Things that are NOT covered by Medicare, under either Parts A or B, include: routine dental care, dentures, hearing aids and exams for fitting hearing aids, cosmetic surgery, and acupuncture, and prescription drugs generally.

"For those who get coverage through a Medicare Advantage Plan (Medicare Part C), the story is somewhat different. Medicare Advantage Plans are offered by Medicare-approved private insurers, and must cover all the services covered under original Medicare, except hospice care, which continues to be covered by original fee-for-service Medicare even when a person is enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan. These plans, which may charge a premium, deductible and co-insurance, may include extra benefits and services NOT covered under original fee-for-service Medicare, such as dental and vision care, glasses, hearing aids and health and/or wellness programs. Most plans also include prescription drug coverage, available to those in

original Medicare under Part D."

In other words, the Health Aid program is a terrific "patch" to the coverage gap, particularly for our older members who may suffer hearing loss or need dental care. It helps eligible Potawatomis defray the costs of certain of the items (e.g., dentures, prosthetics, eyeglasses, hearing aids) not covered by Medicare A and B. And our prescription program plugs the gap in those programs' prescription coverages as well (for those who do not get coverage under Medicare Part C Advantage Plans). If you are eligible for our Health Aid and/or Prescription Drug programs I urge you to apply today as they are here, and funded by the Nation, for you. If you have questions or need help with forms, please contact me or another Legislature or a Tribal Executive. The names and numbers of CPN personnel implementing these programs are: Amber Brewer, Health Aid Foundation Coordinator, at (405) 275-312, email: [abrewer@potawatomi.org](mailto:abrewer@potawatomi.org), and C-MOP help, C-MOP Pharmacists Joe LaReau or Dorothy Lett, and Certified Pharmacy Technician Mindi Lowder, at 866-900-5236 (toll free) or via e-mail at [C-MOP@potawatomi.org](mailto:C-MOP@potawatomi.org). Do not hesitate to call or write as we all are here to serve you.

Scholarship and Potawatomi Leadership Program Information for Current and Prospective Students. Since November I have been assisted by an energetic intern, CPN member Sam Scott, who has been volunteering his time to the Nation. Sam has been working to compile a listing of scholarship opportunities available to Native students.

That listing is now posted to my website at [evamariecarney.com](http://evamariecarney.com) under 'Services'. Sam's information supplements what is available on the [potawatomi.org](http://potawatomi.org) website about our CPN Tribal Scholarship Program. That Program offers financial assistance for payment of tuition for tribal members pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees, vocational technical career courses, or any other accredited education program. Please take advantage of this CPN funding and also visit my website to explore additional funding and opportunities that just may just change your life or the life of a loved one.

Also, please spread the word about the CPN Potawatomi Leadership Program (sometimes called the PLP), which soon

will be selecting students for this summer's program. The Potawatomi Leadership Program is designed to educate, inform, and encourage qualified Potawatomi students and to develop within the tribal membership at large a more accurate perception of the tribe and its operations. Our niece Susanna Nila Basappa, now a sophomore at the University of San Francisco, was a PLP student two summers ago and just loved the program. The relevant information about the CPN Scholarship and the PLP Programs can be found at [potawatomi.org](http://potawatomi.org), under 'Services', and then click on 'Education'.

Request for Your Vote and Your Thoughts. I am so proud that, even as we continue to grow in numbers, our Nation continues to be in the financial position to support the medical and education needs of our elders, disabled, and youth through the programs summarized above. I want to continue my work on the Legislature and contribute my time and talent to ensuring our continued financial success and enduring support of our people. I can only do so with the votes of citizens in District 2 and therefore I am asking for your vote in the upcoming election. Thank you for your consideration of this personal request for your vote and for exercising your right as a CPN citizen to vote for your elected officials. Please contact me to share your thoughts and for any assistance you might need.

Upcoming Meetings and Events. I hope to see you in one or more of (1) Murfreesboro, Tennessee on April 13, 2013; (2) Branson, Missouri on April 20, 2013; (3) Baltimore, Maryland on May 4, 2013; (4) Shawnee, Oklahoma for the Family Reunion Festival which starts Friday, June 28, 2013; or (5) the Gathering of Nations hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, August 4-11, 2013, in Dowagiac, Michigan. Details on the Missouri, Maryland and Oklahoma events are on the [Potawatomi.org](http://Potawatomi.org) website (e.g., Honored Families for 2013 are listed now: Johnson, Lafromboise, LaReau, Melott, Rhodd, Tescier, Weld, and Young). You can find details about the Tennessee meeting (which I am hosting) on my website. (Folks in District 2 who are in states close to the Tennessee, Missouri and Maryland meeting sites will receive mailed invitations to these meetings.) I am hoping also to fit in a District 2 meeting at my CPN office in Washington D.C. and will keep you posted on details. Please send me your email address so I can send you email updates!

Migwetch/thank you for the honor of representing you.

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First CPN Legislature, April 2008



PLP Student Susanna Basappa with her proud aunt at the Family Reunion Festival, June 2010.



Sam Scott (in green) making a drum during the District #2 Fall Feast, November 2012.

# Legislative Columns

## District 3 - Robert Whistler



to access.

In the course of gathering information for my articles, I attended a Cherokee Nation workshop meeting in Claremore, OK. Since then I have been working at holding the same workshop here in the Dallas area. On Saturday, April 27 we will hold that workshop! Collaboration between the Cherokee Nation Foundation, Dallas ISD, Ft. Worth ISD, Grand Prairie ISD, the Cherokee Community of North Texas and our Nation should give us enough in attendance to justify asking Mrs. Cara Cowen Watts, a Cherokee legislator, to come here and make her presentation on scholarships. The session will start at 10 a.m. and will last about three hours. The location is: Nolan Estates Building – Cafeteria, 3313 S. Beckley Ave, Dallas, TX 75224.

Directions there are as follows: R.L. Thornton Freeway (35E) south from Dallas to exit #422 at Kiest Blvd. The school building is located on the East side of the highway. You will see a McDonalds at the exit.

Bozho:

For the last three months my columns have been on the area of scholarships/fellowships. If you recall in my February article I referenced a link for the list of scholarships I had been able to gather. That link is <http://www.potawatomi.org/pubinfo/documents/Scholarships.pdf>. Eva Marie Carney our District 2 representative has also had a list compiled on her website: [www.evamariecarney.com](http://www.evamariecarney.com). These are a quick reference that we have put there for you

We are inviting all Texas Native American students in grades 8-12 and one of their parents to attend the workshop. This is also open to Texas Native American college freshmen and sophomores. The reason for putting this on is that I have looked at a number of applications submitted for the two scholarships that I oversee at the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas. Many of the applications submitted have errors or omissions that eliminate candidates that may have much to offer. So, we are holding this session to cover those areas. Hopefully it will result in many of our youth finding some doors for financial assistance more open. If you plan to attend, please send me an email or call my office and make a reservation so we have enough seating and material on-hand for everyone.

In late February, the Chairman held an area meeting in Galveston. We had about 120 CPN members attend, including constituents from both Districts 2 and 3. At the

meeting, the Chairman advised that if there is enough interest, a naming meeting can be held in the Austin area in the near future. If you desire to receive you Potawatomi name, send me an e-mail and I will send you the protocol. To develop a name, it tends to take some deep thought and prayer. It isn't something the namer tends to do on the spur of the moment. So I suggest you start early.

This last month one of my actions was to write a letter of testimony in support of H.B. 174 to the Texas House of Representatives. This bill if approved will officially make the last Friday in September, American Indian Heritage Day. A number of other states already officially recognize us each year. I expect that Texas will follow suit.

In just a few months, the last weekend of June will be here and it will be family festival time. For those of you who need some regalia items in order to participate in grand entry and the other dancing or a naming, I suggest a trip to our gift shop at the Cultural Heritage Center. I was recently

there and saw that they not only are stocking up on shawls, but this year they have men's sashes on-hand. Prices for the sashes start around \$25.00.

My current term in office for this period ends in June and I have filed to represent you for the next four years. I am honored to have this privilege and again ask for your email contact so that I can get items about Texas and our district to you on a timely basis.

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## District 4 - Theresa Adame



Bozho,

I have been waiting long enough to share the big news with all of you. I am going to be a grandma!!! I have been reading and writing about looking to

our grandmothers for advice for so long and now, I hope I am ready. I will update you when the baby arrives in March.

We gathered again in Rossville for our second annual Christmas Party. The day began with introductions and our prayer. I had a recent sermon that the priest had spoke about how he could trace his family history and where his faith began. He visited the church in Ireland where his grandfather from four generations back had been baptized. I told this story and included that fact that I also know where my religion began. I had read in the "Last Black Robe" that my grandfather from five generations back, Pierre

Navarre and his wife Kis nahw que, had taken in Father Petet right before he joined the Trail of Death due to his injuries from being thrown from a horse. To know my family had a little part in making sure the priest could accompany the tribe means a lot to me. I also reminded everyone of the importance of the Potawatomi continuing to send up our prayer smoke.

We enjoyed a great potluck lunch followed by an afternoon of bingo. There were prizes for everyone and an afternoon of great fellowship.

I was glad we could be joined by our newest residents of the Rossville housing Mary Bartlett and Paul Knox. I wanted to use this article to remind everyone

of the great facility we have in Rossville. The two bedroom duplexes are a good size and the people are becoming a small community and watch out for one another. We have four openings, and if you have any questions please call Lyman 785-249-2915.

As always I thank you for allowing me to serve you. If you ever have questions or concerns feel free to contact me. If you want to be added to my contact list for e-mail updates and the word of the week please send me a note.

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## District 5 - Gene Lambert



By the time you read this article you will already have your invitations, (if you are from Colorado ours is yet to come) for the District 05 Meetings and we will have had the opportunity to meet again if you reside in Arizona.

We all look forward to seeing each other. It appears to be the only time we aren't running through life but rather having an opportunity to enjoy our extended families.

We had our regular teleconference February 28th and maybe some of you were able to take the time and sit in.

In order to keep up with the Nation and all the exciting things going on in Shawnee you have to read the articles, go to the meetings, talk to each other, by all means do watch the Legislative meetings held (4) four times a year.

Additionally, you might want to listen carefully to the tales and legends handed down by your elders and keep in mind their importance to the existence of "The Keepers of the Fire."

When we have the opportunity to attend a naming, wedding, etc listen to the legends that are shared at that time. It will help you to understand the way our ancestors lived and how they believed.

Our Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett is the absolute best at telling a story, or sharing a legend with detail, depth, and

understanding. I have heard the creation story many times. Each time it is captivating!

If you listen carefully you will be able to identify the connection with your own religion and beliefs. It is told without denomination. Spirit is spirit!

When Europeans the Indians territory, Native Americans were forced to hide their faiths in order to avoid being punished. Many times telling stories was one of the only ways to save our culture and faith. Native American legends were tools utilized to pass down ancient ways of life for future generations. These Native American legends were also used as simple ways to communicate a feeling, or thought.

Often times these legends were used to record current events and news from the Potawatomi point of view.

As with most aspects of their

life, Native American legends usually focus primarily on our interaction with nature and wild life. Because of this, most stories are related to nature, animals, weather, or characteristics of same.

Some of these legends have made their way into American culture as a whole. Some of the most widely told children's stories and have originated from our legends, and will continue to be passed on through our young.

Historically Native Americans have used storytelling for more than just entertainment. It has been used as a way to pass traditions in culture and faith onto the younger generations. Listening to the legends is a great way to study our Citizen Potawatomi way of life.

Justin Neely, our leader in language and much more said, "In order to understand the history you must learn the language. We have words in Potawatomi that do not exist in the English language and

part our history resides in those words."

Thank you for that Justin. I never would have thought of it in that context.

I, myself, have bypassed the need for the language usage and the history it carries with it. I do not say this with anything less than humility in the fact that I have not conquered the language.

My intention is to do better in the years to come to learn at a minimum to continue the classes and learn the basics so that I will be able to pass this on to my children.

So join with me in this new year to learn the language and the opportunity to understand the value in the language and the legends that need the continuation of passing it on to the next generation.

That is how we can keep the fire burning!!!!

See you all soon

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**5th Generation Native Kansan**  
**District 4 Legislative Representative Candidate**



**Initial Objectives if selected to be your representative:**

- Be responsive to the questions and concerns of the CPN members in District 4
- Increase exposure and availability in Topeka Office and other locations in Kansas; such as Wichita, Kansas City Area and western Kansas.
- Develop programs and events to broaden the understanding of the CPN culture, traditions and history, particularly the early history of the tribe presence in Kansas. It is important that these activities create an interest in the younger generations of the CPN families in Kansas.

**Recent Activities as a Tribal member:**

- Given numerous CPN History and Economic Development presentations to historical societies, civic organizations, university classes and groups,schools and at the 2011 Symphony in the Flint Hills
- Organized ceremony at the Kansas Historical Society to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of 1861.
- Attended Gathering of Nations and CPN Family Reunion Festivals since 2000.

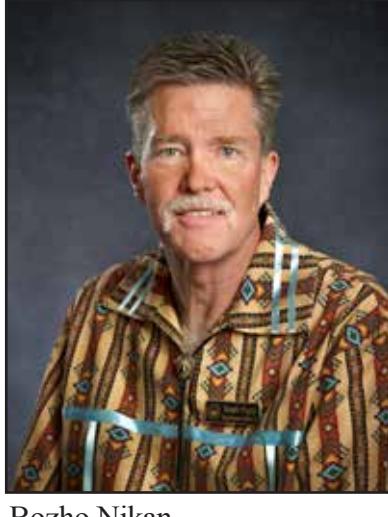
**I support the Nation's objectives in providing reasonable and affordable services and benefits to its members, while seeking opportunities to expand these services and benefits and establish new ones as they can be financially supported.**

**Ready and Prepared to Serve the CPN Members of District 4**

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## District 6 - Rande Payne



Bozho Nikan,

One of the things I tell people a lot lately is that there seems to be a "cultural awakening" among our people. I say this for a number of reasons. When you look at the amount of cultural information available today one would conclude that there must be a demand for it. By the way, great job by all the folks at the Cultural Heritage Center ([www.potawatomihertiage.org](http://www.potawatomihertiage.org)) in their continuous efforts making information available to us. As your legislator, I have also noticed that there is a growing interest in our culture among all ages of our community. As one of our younger members recently said; "I'm glad I live in a time that it's okay to be Indian and maybe even cool." Out of the mouths of babes....

At our recent Winter Warm Up event that sentiment was loud and clear. After I did a presentation on the history and meaning of the various elements of our Tribal Seal, I could sense a stronger connection to the tribe and growing interest in being Potawatomi among those that were there. When you understand the meaning behind all of the elements of the seal, you get a clear picture of who we are as a people and what is important to us. Once you have an understanding of its meaning and significance, it would be

easy to look at it and say "these are our guiding principles". Chairman Barrett deserves great credit for his vision and the creation of our current day Tribal Seal. By the end of the presentation, I could tell there was a growing thirst for more knowledge.

The Trail of Death relocation march is a tragic part of our history but a story that must be told in honor of those that had to endure such hardship. The CPN video production of "Journey" tells the story very well. I find it hard to hold back tears each and every time I watch it. After showing it at the gathering, there was a lengthy period of silence as everyone tried to digest what they had just watched. It was a very somber moment and rightfully so. Anger, sorrow, compassion, love and hate would probably best describe my emotional reaction to the story. The good news is that the story gives us a glimpse of our past and provides an important element for our journey uncovering who we were, determining who we are and defining who we will be. Let not their suffering be in vain. We are fortunate to have such a talented group of people at The Cultural Heritage Center and the resources available to bring this story into the light.

In modern day real estate and land development it's all about location, location, location. That's the way it's been since the first Europeans arrived on our continent. Unfortunately this translated to re-location, re-location, re-location for the Nishnabe. Seven Fires Prophecy is a shared story among the Potawatomi, Ojibwe and Odawa tribes. It foretold of a time of great despair among the Nishnabe and the coming of "white faced" people to our land. A time of separation from our culture and the things we hold as sacred. The Prophecy

described the coming events in each of the "seven fires" or seven eras of time including a time when there would be a re-igniting of the sacred fire and respect among the young for their elders and their knowledge of the old ways that had been lost. It hasn't always been easy to be Potawatomi. Our ancestors and elders deserve a great deal of our respect and gratitude for keeping our heritage alive through the trials of each of these fires.

There are slight variations of the story among the Nishnabe but the one thing widely agreed upon is that we are in the seventh fire. It is easy for me to agree when I see what is going on around me and know what I feel in my heart. After sharing the Seven Fires Prophecy at the gathering, others said they felt the same way.

I would like to thank all those folks that attended the Winter Warm up event. It was very inspiring for me to see the high level of interest in our culture and heritage. The expression of desire to learn and do more to bring the old ways back to life was quite uplifting to say the least. That common bond we share as Potawatomi grew stronger in a very good way.

The gathering traditions of putting down cedar, smudging and prayer were honored as well as the honoring of the wisest and youngest Potawatomi and the Potawatomi that traveled the greatest distance. A ceremonial fire circle was set up so that everyone had a chance to see one and learn more about them. Our wisest Potawatomi was my brother Bobby Payne from Fresno. It's a little scary when your brother is the oldest, oops I meant wisest at a gathering! Bobby was honored with a beaded lanyard holding a miniature wood carved CPN tribal seal. Our newest

Potawatomi was tribal member Giordano Ricco from Rancho Santa Margarita. Giordano was honored with a CPN domino set. A great start teaching the young the old ways! Diana Kime Lorne from San Diego was the Potawatomi who traveled the greatest distance. Diana was honored with a thank you card and some gas money. I believe Potawatomi's to be practical people. In the old days when my family traveled to visit, we were always given food for the trip home to save money buying it on the road. Gotta love those old ways!

A lot of ideas for expanding interest and knowledge of our culture were circulated at the gathering. It was great to see such enthusiasm. There are so many facets of our culture including drumming, beading, regalia, dancing, language, ceremonies and the like. Young tribal member Ian Schlicher honored us with his story of the Red Tailed Hawk. Ian is a great story teller and we were all very entertained and blessed by him and his heart for sharing a story. Ian also likes to create things from blown glass. I was deeply honored when Ian gave me a mushroom marble that he had made. A gift I will treasure always.

Again, thank you to all who were able to attend. You all made the gathering so enjoyable for me. I hope you were as blessed as I was. For those not able to attend I hope to see you at a gathering soon.

I want to especially thank my wife Kim for preparing the delicious tri-tip sandwiches, chile beans and salad. The homemade chocolate chip cookies were my favorite. Nicely done Kim! No Potawatomi gathering is complete without good food. My dear friend Aaron Zimmerman went above and beyond in helping prepare

for the event. Thank you Aaron for helping make it so enjoyable for everyone!

In closing I would like to welcome and announce our newest District 6 members. These members were officially enrolled under Resolution 13-39-LCoE at our Legislative session on February 28th. They are: Isabelle Charlotte Schoeman, Madeleine Marie Schoeman, Jonathan Joseph Isaac Pennington, Lacey Anne Bourassa, Cody James Bourassa, Aliya Marie Steinmetz and Arthur Wayne Straus Jr. You all are an important part of our future. I hope you all take great interest and pride in your Potawatomi heritage and find time to enjoy being Potawatomi. Welcome to the family. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Tribal member Michael Bourbonnais shared this passage with me the other day and now I share it with you. "Truth, wisdom, learning and good sense – these are worth paying for but too valuable to sell" Proverbs 23:23

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Bama pi,

Rande K. Payne/Mnedo Gabo

District #6 Legislator

Citizen Potawatomi Nation

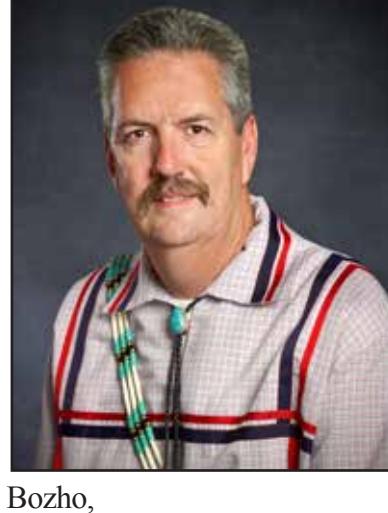
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## District 7 - Mark Johnson



Bozho,

I was surprised as I was reading through last month's edition of the Hownikan, when I came upon the story on the Carlisle Indian Industrial School accompanied by a picture of

my grandfather and the trunk he was given upon his arrival at Carlisle. Although my grandfather died three years before I was born, I always felt a very strong connection to him because of that trunk. On what turned out to be the day of his passing, he had asked my father to come by and see him on his way to work, after visiting a short time, he asked my father to take the trunk with him when he left and told him "There is something for everyone".

That evening, after learning of his passing, my father opened the trunk to see what he had meant that morning. What he found was not money, gold or other such items, it was something much more valuable. It was our family history in letters and pictures he had spent a lifetime saving, it was the

scrap piece of paper he used to track how much cotton each of his sisters had picked that week and a tally of how much pay was owed each, or who's mare was on the pasture and the pig he took in trade.

There is not much doubt that the "noble experiment" and "outing system" of Carlisle had a profoundly negative impact on thousands of Native American students, including my grandfather, and one shudders to think of the treatment that they received. But I do thank them for giving him that trunk that now resides in the Cultural Heritage Center. I am glad our family could play a small part in preserving the history of our tribal heritage and I also see supporting the Cultural Heritage Center as one of my top duties as a tribal legislator, if

your family has items that you see as significant to your family or heritage, please consider donating them to the Cultural Heritage Center, so that they may be preserved for future generations

As a reminder, the Family Reunion Festival is also rapidly approaching. This year's dates are June 28-30. The Honored Families for 2013 will be the Johnson, Lafromoibose, LaReau, Melott, Rhodd, Tescier, Weld and Young families.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District 7 representative. As always give me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you

are entitled to. Please also take the time to give me a call or send me an email with your contact information so that I can keep you informed of the happenings within the Nation and District.

Migwetch,

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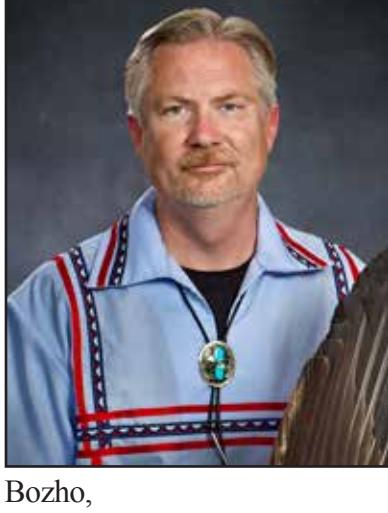
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## District 8 - Dave Carney



Bozho,

I will tell you, District 8 – spring is right around the corner – hang on!

These are challenging economic times and the pace of recovery is slower than any of us would like to see. One of the things that is most frustrating for me to watch is the gridlock and ineffectiveness of the "other Washington". It is clear that

both parties are more interested in party politics than getting things done for the people they represent. I always look to see the "D" or the "R" on the bottom of the TV screen next to the name of person talking on the news. That pretty well tells me what stance they are going to take regarding the issue at hand.

The legislature of the Citizens Potawatomi Nation is made up of D's and R's as well (I won't tell you who favors what national party). But I will tell you that the majority of the time, all 16 members would have a "P" after their names for Potawatomi. The best interest of the Nation always trumps ideology. How many governing bodies can say that? The CPN is sowing seeds for the future with its investments in infrastructure and tribal enterprises. All 30,000+ members have much to be proud of and a bright future ahead.

I have a lot of mail and e-mail

interaction with members throughout District 8. The variety of education levels, the financial resources, interests and even ethnic background (Potawatomi and what?) is amazing. On a few occasions I've been contacted by CPN members who are incarcerated. These members generally have few contacts with the outside world and have a few reasonable requests from me, as their representative. These largely consist of Potawatomi language materials to help pass the time and some "Native Circle" religious items like sage and sweet grass for ceremonial purposes. For those unfamiliar with prison systems, many facilities have services set up for Catholics, Protestants, Native American Spirituality and Moslem faiths. After an attempt to steer the member toward Christ centered activities (both out of personal conviction and the fact that the tribe has a 300 year Christian past) I will gather some sage, sweet grass and cedar and mail it to the prisoner

in care of the Chaplain. Through the last few years I have gotten to know some of these men.

My question and challenge to the members of the district is what can we do for our members AFTER they have paid their debt to society? The number one challenge that they will face is finding good employment. That can be challenging without being a convicted felon and almost impossible for someone with a criminal record. I know a person with a drug possession felony from 1988 who has recently been turned away from employment opportunities. That was 25 years ago and it still haunts him. I hope to use my position in the legislature to develop some way to help these men and women have a brighter future. If there are any members across the country who have an idea regarding this, I'd like to hear from you.

About four years ago I spoke at a regional meeting in Vancouver, Wash. I spoke

about my family and the fact that my wife is a podiatrist practicing in Olympia, Wash. I mentioned that we'd like to be able offer free office visits to CPN members. Well, we can now do that! In November she and another female podiatrist opened their own practice together and she is willing to see our members for conservative foot care regardless of ability to pay. Please contact me if this is something you need and I will give you the particulars.

In closing, I'd like to say that I'm looking forward to seeing you in 2013 either at the regional meeting or at a district meeting.

Migwetch,

Dave Carney/Kagashi (Raven)

District 8 Representative

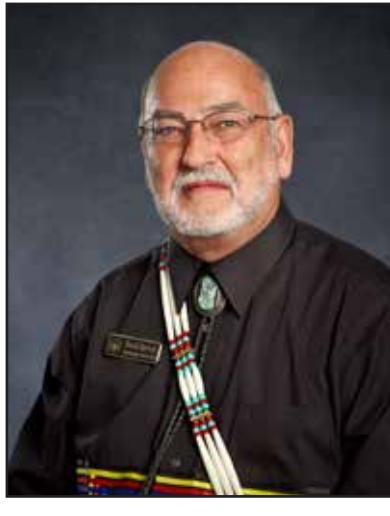
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## District 10 - David Barrett



and involvement with our elders) both within our tribe and the local community.

The Tribal Youth Advisory Board met on 2-08-2013. I was invited to attend this meeting and was very impressed with the dedicated members who serve on this Board. The Board discussed the length of the summer camps, the difficulty of securing grants and the endeavors that they had to compete with others seeking the same grants. They talked about the new approach on new grants being requested which focused on Job placement, career planning, tutoring, ACT preparation, an how to apply for scholarships which involves all youths. Other objectives for the board meeting were after school programs and youth council.

After the meeting I asked the FTYP Program Coordinator B.J. Trousdale to tell me more about the Evolution/Purpose of the program and the Firelodge Youth Council. This is what she sent to me about those two topics.

### Evolution/Purpose of Program:

The Firelodge Tribal Youth Program (FTYP), a service provided under the Firelodge Children & Family Services Department, was established in the fall of 2009 with funding from the Department of Justice through its subsidiary, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency and additional funding from Indian Health

Services. Based on current program guidelines, the purpose of the FTYP is to place an emphasis on the prevention of delinquent behaviors, substance abuse, and suicidal ideation and/or behaviors.

Targeted audience includes 12 to 17 year olds, or seniors in high school, who are considered at risk due to issues such as low socioeconomic status, family circumstances, or educational barriers. Citizen Potawatomi Nation members and other Native American students are given preference in applicable programs. The program has seen a steady increase of youth served by the program and FTYP is currently serving nearly 2,000 youth (some duplicated numbers) per fiscal year. The number of adults served is significantly smaller; however, approximately 250 adults are served per fiscal year. Currently, clients are remaining involved with the program between one and four years, depending on the activity or task.

Currently, program measures monitored to evaluate program compliance include tracking attendance & participation, victim and offender delinquency status, school attendance, GPA status, high school completion rates, substance use, anti-social behaviors, gang related activities, social competence, family functioning, and family relationships.

Summary on Firelodge Youth Council:

One of the most successful programs within the Firelodge Tribal Youth Program is the Firelodge Youth Council. It is comprised of over 30 young people from over 8 local schools who meet on a monthly basis to conduct business meetings, engage in community service, plan fundraisers, and simply enjoy time with their peers. In the past year, the Firelodge Youth Council has placed a focus on bullying and suicide prevention, as the youth determined this was an ongoing concern in each of their school environments. The council created and submitted a PSA in a national contest to address how to stop bullying. In addition, they spearheaded a free community event, a showing of the documentary "BULLY" at the local movie theatre complete with snacks and distributed over 400 jackets promoting an end to bullying. Each summer, this group participates in an annual leadership trip and work year round to raise funding to do so.

"This remarkable group of young people is the stakeholders who guide our work and the projection of this program. Almost every decision we make as staff members, in relation to this program, is first consulted about with these young people. They drive the program- from selecting their own leadership committee, identifying topics they wish to be educated on, deciding what fundraisers to hold, and even advises us on what furniture we select for the new building. This is the Youth's Program" said B.J. Trousdale, FTYP Program Coordinator.

What a valiant effort for the numerous individuals who are involved in this journey with our youth. I personally want to thank all those who are involved. Showing a list would be suicide for me because there are so many and I wouldn't want one individual to be left off because he or she could be the one that one of our youth might have been helped the most by.

As you can see this column is to highlight some of the things that is taking place with the Youth but there are so many more. From visiting and talking with our leaders, they are still moving in new directions to assist our Youth in finding solutions for their needs.

It goes without saying that it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great Nation.

Migwetch,

David Barrett/Mnedobe (Sits with the Spirit)

Oklahoma Legislature, District #10

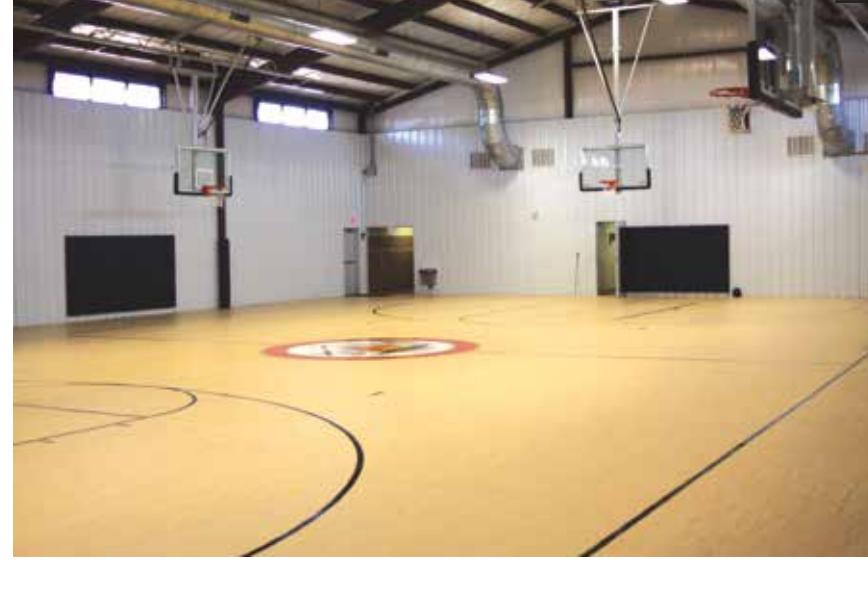
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Bozho,

Please allow me to boast on our nation again- this time it's concerning our youth but not only for the Citizen Potawatomi but for all local youths ages 12-18.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation established in 2008 the Tribal Youth Advisory Board (TYAB) to provide assistance, advisement, and guidance to a youth serving program at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation- the Firelodge Tribal Youth Program. Participation and involvement from various community sectors (both interdepartmental and community-base) has been ongoing and successful.

The TYAB recently developed a strategic planning model in order to assist multiple programs (some of which includes involvement with the cultural heritage center, Police Department mentorship,

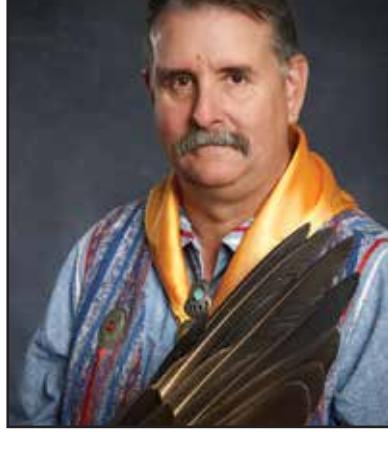


New basketball court at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Gym

A mural representing the P.L.A.C.E. program welcomes guests to the new facility.



## District 12 - Paul Schmidlkofer



Bozho Nikan,

It appears spring may have sprung. Although by the time you are reading this I may have to eat these words. We all know how Oklahoma's weather is. But just in case spring reminds me of what is ahead of us. Before we know it the festival will be here. I hope all of you are planning on making it this year. If you've been before then you know what to expect.

For anyone who hasn't, try and make this the year you do. There aren't very many reasons not to come. There will be plenty of activities for you and your family. Lots of food and fellowships and it seem there is always a very competitive hand game. You might get to see some of your relatives you haven't seen in years also.

You will get to see all the new construction projects.

The big event center by the festival grounds is coming right along. The new bank is open for business along with its neighbor the WIC building. The convenience and gas station are progressing, which when complete will make your drive around that corner of the grocery store more enjoyable.

At any rate please try and make it. There is a lot of planning and work that goes into to it and I

think you will enjoy yourself.

As always it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great nation.

Bama pi,

Paul Schmidlkofer

## District #2 Legislator Eva Marie Carney

### REQUESTS YOUR VOTE

It has been my privilege to serve as the District #2 Legislator since the position was created in 2008 by a vote of the people. I am proud that, even as we continue to grow in numbers, our Nation continues to be in the financial position to support the medical and education needs of our elders, disabled, and youth through our Health Aid, Pharmacy, Scholarship and Potawatomi Leadership programs. I hope to continue my work on the Legislature and contribute to ensuring our continued financial success and sense of community.

I can only do so with the votes of citizens in District #2. I am asking for your vote in the upcoming election.



Migwetch/thank you for your consideration of this personal request for your vote and for exercising your right as a CPN citizen to vote for your elected officials. Please contact me to share your thoughts and for any assistance you might need.

(Photo taken during Grand Entry during the 2012 Family Reunion Festival)

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## Re-Elect Theresa Adame District #4 Legislator



I am running for my third term as the Kansas Legislator.

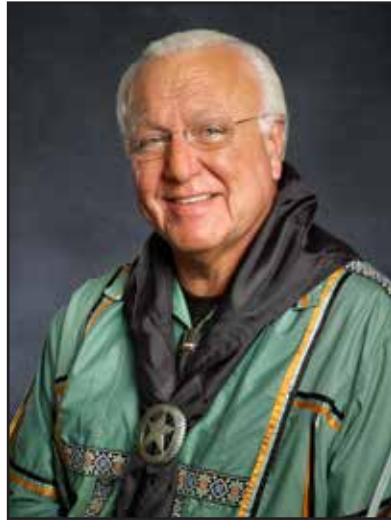
I appreciate every vote and ask for you continued support.

I am proud of my voting record and will continue working for you.

# Executive Columns

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## Chairman - John "Rocky" Barrett



Bozho, Nikan (Hello, my friends),

This is an historic time for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. For almost our entire history in Oklahoma since the early 1870's, the Nation has depended on other governments to provide the majority of public services and utilities for our communities - water, sewer,

electricity, gas, roads, rail, police, medical and mail. In the 1980s we began the process of becoming independent. In fact, we took our independence even further. We asserted our sovereignty as a Tribal Nation - a status that was recognized by the United States in the 41 treaties we signed with them as one sovereign government to another. We recognized our dual citizenship, all of us, that enables us to legally determine our status as both a Citizen Potawatomi Indian, and an Oklahoman, or what ever state you live in. We operate in the same manner as a state on the land that the United States holds in trust for us. These "reservation" lands that were left after the unconstitutional seizure of the vast majority in 1889 were very small in 1973. Federal law since then has allowed us to buy land within our original reservation

boundary and request that the federal government protect it from the state by also placing it into trust like the original reservation. In the early 1970s. Congress adopted the Indian Self-Determination Act which allowed us to govern our own territory in parallel with the state - what is legal in the state is legal on our lands. Since the land we bought back had been given in 1889 to Oklahoma Territory by Congress, and later became part of the State of Oklahoma and its political subdivisions - cities and counties, the governments wanted us to stay small. Even more, they wanted us to depend on them for our survival. With that dependence came control - and the desire to control not just our basic needs, named in the first paragraph, but to control our ability to earn and provide for ourselves. They want to eliminate our status as an equal sovereign government. The

obstacle to that is federal law. Congress has said we are self-determining, self-governing dependent sovereigns, the same as states, counties, and cities.

For many years we did not know what that really meant. Finally, we realized as a government that we had to act like a sovereign to be recognized as one. We began to take over those services we had to buy from others - water, sewer, roads, electricity, education, and law enforcement. That process is reaching a milestone.

In less than one month, we will be independent of the utility services of the towns on our borders. We will operate and own our own sewer and water distribution systems, regulate the distribution of electricity, operate our own police and court system, and permit all commercial activities in our

community. The logical next step is to join the community of cities as a recognized town under the law. I plan to introduce a bill to the Tribal Legislature to incorporate the Town of FireLake and petition the Pottawatomie County Commissioners to hold a de-annexation election to clearly define the separation of our legal jurisdiction from the two Oklahoma towns we border. We should all pray that these communities view this as an opportunity for partnership in mutual progress.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Tribal Chairman.

Migwetch,

John Rocky Barrett (Keweoge - He leads them home)

Tribal Chairman

## Vice Chairman - Linda Capps



on roads, driveways, parking lots, and newly constructed buildings. We have new employees; new and improved programs; and new growth. It is a time of prosperity.

One of the many blessings for which I am thankful this year is Jason Greenwalt. As of January 1, Jason moved into the newly designed position of Executive Operations Coordinator. He is providing a tremendous assistance to my office which continues to have an ever-growing amount of management duties. The Nation has grown so rapidly that Jason's presence within administration is both necessary and extremely welcomed.

Jason Greenwalt is not new to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. He has been employed at the Nation since March of 2005. He has worked as Surveillance Manager/Senior Compliance Officer, and since January of 2006, as the Executive Director of CPN Gaming Commission. He is a 2003 graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University with a BBA in Management. Although Jason is from California, many of his relatives live in the Shawnee area. In fact, his grandmother lives on Father Murphy Drive at the



Nation. Their family is a large, loving Potawatomi family that holds the Bergeron heritage in high esteem.

Jason is an outstanding individual with a keen ability to interact with directors and staff members at all levels. He possesses intelligence, integrity, and he has a very good heart in his dealings with others. I am confident that Jason will be fair and equitable in all of his decisions. In just a couple of months, he has enhanced my

ability to serve our directors and other staff members in a much more efficient manner. He also works very well with my Administrative Assistant Dennette Summerlin. I am blessed to have both of these young people working with me as a team.

Speaking of blessings, we are nearing my favorite time of the year which is the spring. I view spring as the preparation time for a magnificent presentation of "flowery growth and green

display." I am, indeed, ready for the upcoming show!

Thank you for reading this column. I appreciate the opportunity to tell you about your Nation and from time to time feature some of the good people that we have working for you and me.

As always, I cherish the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman.

Migwetch,

Linda Capps

## D. Wayne Trousdale



Bozho, Nikan,

I hope all is well with you and your families. The new year feels like it has just begun and we are already in March! I suppose that the brisk pace of most of our lives makes time

seem to fly. I never seem to run out of jobs that need to be done whether at Cedar Creek or at our great Nation.

Believe it or not we have just completed the first quarter of our physical year. The Nation is doing very well based on the budget that was approved last fall. We are always looking to challenge our Directors and employees to be the best they can be. We have an excellent group of employees and I believe that this is proven by our consistent performance financially and through the service sector which reaches out to so many of our tribal members. Our

goal is to be able to increase the amount of services that we can offer while maintaining a strong financial position. If we keep a good balance then the Nation will be able to keep providing

the services it does for so many of us.

If you don't live in the area then please pay attention to the publications showing all of the growth in our enterprises. There are several projects that are underway at this time from entertainment venues to hotels. These new projects will not only add to the financial security of the Nation but will also add to the enjoyment of our people and community. These are truly exciting times for us. I commend the Legislature for their vision and support of these endeavors.

We will continue to investigate new opportunities for enterprises that will benefit our people. Remember that through the profits of our tribally owned enterprises we can continue

to enhance and improve our programs for our people. Please consider doing business with your Nation's enterprises. We are a stronger people when we work together.

It has been a real treat to get to see so many of you at the District meetings. It is very important to remember that our people live in many places where the affairs of the Nation must seem very distant. Please know that we feel a deep responsibility in keeping you informed. I recently had the pleasure to visit both southern California and Texas. Our next jaunt takes us to northern California. There is no substitute to being with you in person.

If you have a comment or suggestion about our Nation please do not hesitate to contact

me or a Representative in the Legislature. Your elected Representatives do a fine job of communicating your Nation's progress and programs. We have many fine people that care about your needs, please let us know how we can be of service to you.

If you have any questions or concerns about the finances of the Nation please give me a call, I am here to serve you. Thank you for letting me be a part of your Nation's administration as your Secretary / Treasurer.

Migwetch,

D. Wayne Trousdale  
"NETEMGIWSE"

Secretary / Treasurer

## Anthony Cole

Candidate - Citizen Potawatomi - District 2

### Who am I?

My Potawatomi name is Kokotni, I am a descendant of the Yott family which is a maternal branch of the View family. I currently reside in New Orleans where I own an interactive media company. I currently serve as President of the St. Bernard Kiwanis Club and I am very active in my community.

### Where do I come from?

I was born in Durant OK and raised in Madill OK. After high school, I joined the United States Marine Corps where I specialized in aviation logistics and data processing. After being honorably discharged, I used the G.I. Bill to earn a degree in Computer Science from the Southeast College of Technology.

### Why am I running for office?

I am running for office as a way to give back for all that I have received as a Native American. While growing up my family fell on many hard times, it was the generosity of the Potawatomi, Choctaw and Chickasaw that helped us in our time of need. Because we belonged to the Potawatomi, my family was provided food, medical care, school supplies and jobs. I credit this assistance for my current success and feel strongly that I must repay that generosity in the form of community service.

### What will I do if elected?

- Keep you informed of all tribal matters in a format that is easy to understand and readily available.
- Aggressively promote our heritage and culture by leveraging technology to educate our members and bridge our geographic divide.
- Support and encourage community service within our district. Community service is important and I want to organize an "all district" community service project each year.
- Improve your quality of life. I will work to expand our tribal services and think of new innovative ways to offer more services to our members that do not live in Oklahoma.

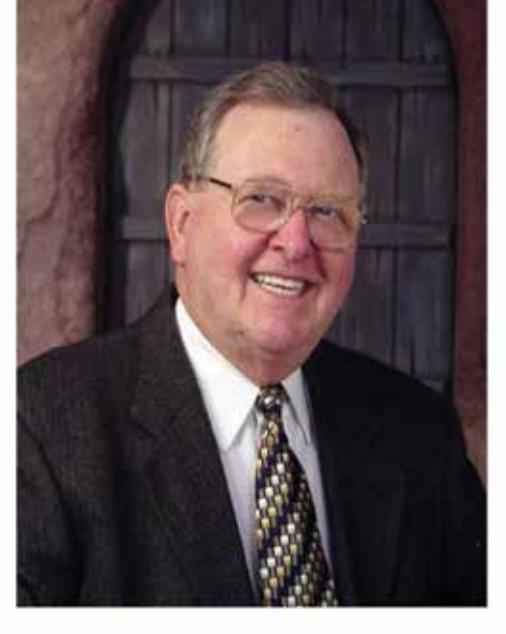
## BOB WHISTLER FOR DISTRICT THREE LEGISLATOR

It has been a great honor and privilege to have been your representative for the past six years.

I am running for office unopposed, and I promise to serve you well and will continue to look for any and all opportunities to help each of you. If you need assistance in getting information on benefits or programs, please contact me.

In order to serve you better, I am again asking for you to allow me to contact you by e-mail. I would appreciate you sending me your e-mail address!

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# Walking On...



**Constance Sue  
Kichler**

Constance Sue (Bailey) Kichler

Constance Sue (Bailey) Kichler, 62, of Sherwood, Ark., passed away Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013 at Springhill Baptist Hospital in North Little Rock, Ark.

Connie was born on Dec. 20, 1950, in Miami, Okla. to Kenneth and Dottie Bailey. She graduated from Miami High School in 1969. She attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College and graduated from Miami Beauty College, working many years as a beautician before retiring. She and her husband, Larry attends North Little Rock First Assembly of God Church. Connie was a loving and supportive wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed crocheting, playing Bunco, and being with her family and friends.

Connie is survived by her husband, Larry Kichler, three sons and their wives, Justin and Vanessa of Philadelphia, Pa., Jeremiah and Beverly of Miami, Okla. and Chris and Valerie of Jacksonville, Ark.; two granddaughters, Lillian Adeline and Gemma Ilene Kichler. She is also survived by her father, Kenneth C. Bailey, two sisters and husbands, Debi and Ray Kempel of Moore, Okla. and Cindy and Jerry Baser of Afton, Okla., many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

She is preceded in death by her infant daughter, Jennifer Sue Kichler and her mother, Dottie Bailey.

The family would like to thank the Springhill Baptist Hospital medical staff and nurses for their care and compassion given to Connie and her family also, our thanks and appreciation to North Little Rock Assembly of God and Indian Head Baptist Church and to all our neighbors, and friends for you prayers and support.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013 at Roller-Owens Funeral Home, 5509 John F. Kennedy Blvd., North Little Rock, Ark. (501-791-7400). Funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 25, 2013 at Christ Church of Grove, Okla. The family will receive friends 6 p.m. prior to the service at the church. Interment will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday at Glen Abbey Cemetery, Miami, Okla.



**Florence Elzora  
Baker**

Florene Elzora Baker

Florene Elzora Baker, 92, walked on December 18, 2012. She was born in Shawnee, Okla. on March 22, 1920. As a child, she moved with her family to Oklahoma City, Okla. and attended city schools there, graduating from Classen High School in 1938.

Florene met Nelson Baker when both worked at Fleming, Inc. Oklahoma City. They married in 1945. She was employed as a teenager at the Oklahoma Department of Health, carrying blood samples from doctors' offices to the department's facility for testing. During her 51-year marriage, Florene worked as a comptroller machine operator at Tinker Field, Midwest City, Okla.; secretary at Ozmun, Inc., Oklahoma City, and bookkeeper for the family cabinet making company in Midwest City, Okla.

When Nelson became ill in the mid-1990s, she moved with him to Little Rock, Ark., where her daughter Kerry resided. After Nelson's death

in 1996, she moved to Sun City, Ariz. and finally to The Woodlands, TX, where Kerry Baker lived then. Florene's granddaughter and great granddaughter also resided in nearby Spring, TX.

Florene was supportive of her beloved family members. She did not remain in the background of their lives; she was the background of their struggles and accomplishments. Her strong and unassuming spirit was evident to all who knew her.

Florene is survived by son, Walt Baker; Kerry Baker, above; grandson, Justin Baker; granddaughter, Traci Carr; great granddaughter, Madison Flores, and great grandson, Austin Carr.

A graveside ceremony was held for Florene on December 21, 2012 at Riverwood Memorial Gardens, Muamelle, Ark., where she was interred between the graves of Nelson Baker and her mother, Clara James.

She will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends.



**Frank Curtis**

June 17, 1933 to January 31, 2013

Frank Curtis, 79, a forklift driver of Farmersville passed away Thurs., Jan. 31, 2013. Visitation will be held on Tues., Feb. 5, 2013 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM at Evans Miller Guinn Chapel. Graveside services will be held on Wed., Feb. 6, 2013 at 2:00 PM at the Exeter District Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.evansmillerguinnchapel.com.

Services entrusted to Evans Miller Guinn Chapel.



**Joseph Rhodd**

Stockton, CA

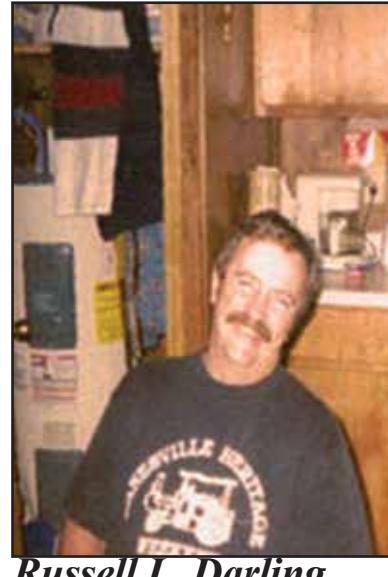
Joseph A. Rhodd

June 29, 1943 - May 22, 2012

He worked at the Port of Stockton for 33 years. Joseph loved going to Jackson Rancheria.

He is survived by his wife Pamela N. Rhodd; sons Joseph H., Paul A., Christopher F. Rhodd; brother Cecil Rhodd; grandchildren: Alyssa, Taylor, Baylor, Savannah, Bryce, Dylan & Rhevis "Zippy" Rhodd, numerous nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law and cousins. Preceded in death by his parents Ann & Joseph A. Rhodd and brothers, Robert & Gene Rhodd. Visitation: May 30, 2012, 1-7 p.m. and Service: May 30, 2 p.m. at Chapel of the Palms, Rev. Bob Bishop officiating.

To submit an obituary please send a word document and 300 dpi photo to hownikan@potawatomi.org.



**Russell L. Darling**

Russell L. Darling, 43, was discovered missing on Oct. 3, 2002, and his remains were discovered in June of 2008.

He was born on Nov. 9, 1958 in Wray, Colo., to the late Manley Darling and Ruth Shirley Dickey; she survives.

He was a mechanic and a member of the Citizens Potawatomi Nation in Shawnee, Okla.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth Shirley Dickey of Norcatur, Kan.; daughters Kristin Ashley, Sara Brown and Wendi Darling, all of Milltown, Ind.; brothers Harley Darling of Washington state and Ralph Dickey of Colorado; a stepbrother, Curtis Dickey of Kentucky; sisters Sandy Armistead of Florida and Elsa Temmal of Kansas; and seven grandchildren.

Services were private. Brother Sam Bockting officiated. Brown Funeral Home of Milltown was entrusted with the arrangements.

The family is still seeking justice.



**William Schwartz**

William Adam Schwartz

The Schwartz family has lost one of their brothers. William Adam Schwartz lost his battle with diabetes on January 11, 2013 and was the second son of Adam Schwartz and Martha J. Schwartz. William was a CPN member, part of the Juneau family. He has passed on to meet with the rest of the family who are now sitting with God.

William loved to live in the great outdoors of northern Oregon looking for gold and catching fish. His work consisted of pipe fitting in the Oregon ship yards and local gas company.

After pipe fitting, William went on to graduate from Le Cordon Bleu.

As a young man at the age of 16, William was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. He took that negative and turned it into a positive. In 1971, he, along with others, rode their ten speed bikes from Disneyland in California to Disney World in Florida for Diabetic Awareness with Ronald McDonald House as the sponsor.

Along in his life travels, William got to spend several months throughout Japan.

William will be missed; he is survived by one brother, two sisters and several nieces, nephews and cousins.



**Beverly Ann Willmett  
Edwards**

She was our light, our life, our love. On January 20, 2013, the world lost a true warrior when Beverly Ann Edwards finally went "home". She passed away peacefully in her Loomis, Calif. home

and was surrounded by the loves of her life, her adoring family and dearest friend.

She was born September 1, 1941 in Norman, Okla. A proud Native American, she was the treasured granddaughter of Nellie Marie Wilmett, daughter of Alvin and Judy Wilmett, eldest of four children.

A registered nurse for 45 years, she was dedicated to her profession and was proud of the work she did and the people she helped. Other than her family, her colleagues and friends were her greatest possessions.

She was a unique woman who always spoke her mind, and never shied away from the truth. She stood up for her beliefs with a passion, which included equality for all people and always doing the right thing. She was incredibly strong and believed in living on her own terms, with dignity and love. She treasured her family and friends, and was able to surround herself with their love in her final days. She passed away in the exact way she lived: with strength, dignity and love – and above all, on her own terms.

She was Wife to Bill (Ed); Mother to Judie, Sharon, Michael and Heather; Grandma to Kaitie and Scott; and 'Grammy' to Carlie and Cassidy. She has left a hole in their hearts that will never be filled. The only consolation is knowing that she is in God's arms now, surrounded by Angels.

A celebration of her life is planned for Saturday, February 9, 2013 at the family home. In lieu of sending flowers, her family asks that you make a contribution to a cancer charity in her name.



**Beverly Lynn  
Willoughby**

September 11, 1954 – January 20, 2013

Bev, a long-time resident of Pollock Pines, Calif., peacefully walked on, joining her son, Taj de Yarmin (October 3, 1972-March 21, 2011). She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Harmoni and Wysmar Clealand, grandchildren Claris (13) and Caleb (8) Clealand of South Florida. She also leaves behind her oldest grandson, Kai de Yarmin (19), son of the late Taj de Yarmin, of Pollock Pines; brother Jim Willoughby of Oklahoma and sister Marcy Johnson.

She was very proud of her Native American heritage, enjoying every opportunity to share about her tribe, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Following many years of hard work and dedication, she retired from the El Dorado Irrigation District in 2008.

She is loved dearly and missed deeply by her family and friends.



**Deborah Ann Lang**

Deborah Ann Lang Shelton, departed this life January 1, 2013 in Peoria, Ariz. She was born in Oklahoma City, Okla. on January 2, 1958 to Marie Wilson Long, a descendent of the Clarissa Peltier, Mars, McGowen family. She was educated in Ada, Okla. and went to Peoria, Ariz. to marry Bruce Musal, though never got to.

She is survived by a son, Jon Shelton, and one grandson, Jaxton Shelton, as well as several nieces, nephews,

cousins and friends. Also surviving her are a sister, Mary K. Lee, two brothers, Carl Long and Fred Long of Ada and her Aunt Dorothy Blocker of Maud, Okla.



**Timothy Byron  
Pruett**

March 17, 1954 – February 20, 2013

Timothy Byron Pruett, 58, of Coos Bay, formerly of Bandon, died in the hospital on February 20, 2013 after a long illness. The son of Tommy and Vina Pruett, Timothy was born March 17, 1954 in Eugene. He considered Bandon his home having lived there most of his life while attending Bandon High School, raising five children and pastoring a small church.

Timothy is survived by his dearly loved and cherished wife of 40 years, Judy Pruett of Coos Bay. They first met when Timothy was ministering as a ventriloquist in a small church in the Willamette Valley in Oregon. They were married February 16, 1973 at the Assembly of God Church in Winston.

Timothy, a devoted husband and father, was called "Pastor Tim" by most who knew him because of his dedication to learning and teaching the gospel of grace and God's unconditional love and favor, even though he was unable to pastor his own church in recent years due to illness. Some of the last words of ministry he spoke before he died were to his suffering, struggling son, quoting God's word, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life" letting him know that there is no other but Jesus. The ocean at Elephant Rock and Face Rock were favorite spots for Timothy to sit for hours with his wife, talking and contemplating God's awesome creation, watching the waves and soaking in the peace as he was renewed and refreshed.

Timothy is lovingly remembered by his two sons, Tommy Pruett and his wife Brandy and Timothy Pruett and his wife Melissa, all of Roseburg; three daughters, Vina Chard and her husband Ken, and Corina Pruett, all of Coos Bay, and Candida Pruett of Sutherlin; three granddaughters, Rachelle, Jenny and Yunalesca; one grandson, Triston; five sisters, Vivian Diven of Shawnee, Okla., Veta Pruett of Farmington, Mo., Nancy Carolyn Queen and her husband Michael of Springfield, Mo., Barbara Stephens of Federal Way, Wash., and Sharon Kay Alexander of Shawnee, Okla.; one brother, William "Bill" Pruett with his wife Merlie, of Jacksonville, Fla.; and many nephews, nieces and friends.

Timothy was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Tommy and Vina Pruett; and father-in-law Charlie Thompson.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at Family Worship Center, 465 NW Lillie Dr. in Winston, with a gathering on site following.

If you would like to send condolences to the family, they can be reached at 970 Fenwick Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420.

Sign the guestbook at [www.theworldlink.com](http://theworldlink.com).